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Central Administration and Operations

Programs targeted to facilitate enterprise-wide activities to support effective and efficient management of state government across all functional areas.

Central Audit and Compliance for State Entities

Programs targeted to audit state entities and ensure all agencies are in compliance with stated policies and procedures.

Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance and Coordination

For the purpose of overseeing and administering the Commonwealth's compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and providing technical assistance and consultation on disability related matters both internal and external to government.

Expenditure Management

For the purpose of managing the Commonwealth's expenditures to assure prompt pay discounts are taken and investment income is maximized in compliance with legal requirements including pro-actively scheduling payments and publishing monthly reports on missed opportunities to reduce expenditures.

Financial Auditing and Compliance

For the purpose of overseeing departmental activity to ensure compliance with industry standards and state and federal requirements governing control and reporting of expenditures and revenues.

Legal Settlements

For the purpose of approving tort and legal settlements by state agencies.

Payroll Administration and Processing

For the purpose of managing the central payroll system to ensure accurate and timely payment of wages by monitoring estimated expenses and conducting quality control to address any anomalies before sending the payment file to the Treasurer.

Prevention of Fraud, Waste, and Abuse

For the purpose of preventing fraud, waste and abuse of government resources by increasing awareness, training staff, identifying instances of abuse and investigating unusual activity that could indicate potential fraud.

Public Benefits Fraud Prevention

For the purpose of protecting the public from fraud, overbilling or unallowable expenses and recovering illegally obtained funds by investigating benefit transactions and examining behaviors that are questionable in practice and indicative of fraudulent activity.

Public Service Integrity

For the purpose of fostering integrity in public service and promoting the public's trust and confidence through education, advice, and enforcement of laws.

Access and Opportunity

For the purpose of coordinating and overseeing executive branch agency efforts to promote non-discrimination, equal opportunity, diversity and inclusion in all facets of executive branch operations including, but not limited to: hiring; accessibility of state buildings, programs and information technology; the procurement of goods, services and property; and design and construction services.

Central Budgeting, Planning and Financing

Programs targeted to support and execute fiscal and administrative policies to ensure financial stability of the Commonwealth.

Capital Planning and Financing

For the purpose of prioritizing bond authorizations passed by the Legislature to make infrastructure investments in existing and new transportation, construction, housing, technology, energy and environment, and economic development projects, including activities to plan and carry out bond sales to support capital expenditures.

Cash and Investment Management

For the purpose of overseeing the Commonwealth's day to day cash management activities including maintenance and sweeping of state-held bank, trust and other accounts, payment of Commonwealth obligations and investment of state assets.

Central Budget Development and Long Range Planning

For the purpose of providing policy setting, oversight, forecasting, implementation and management of the Commonwealth's spending as authorized by state statute, including the analysis of economic indicators, revenue collection targets and collections, trends in caseload growth or decline, and other factors impacting the fiscal health and stability of the Commonwealth.

Debt Management

For the purpose of managing the Commonwealth's long term and short term debt, commercial paper and other debt vehicles, including the preparation of documents related to the issuance of new debt in the marketplace for capital programs based on the affordability and necessity of expenditures and investments.

Federal Grants Management

For the purpose of providing central oversight of federal grants application and management processes across state agencies in order to ensure coordinated and effective use of federal funding opportunities.

Financial Reporting and Information Delivery

For the purpose of meeting state, federal and other national oversight agency requirements for best practices in the reporting of the Commonwealth's spending and revenues including making such information more accessible to the public and disseminating standard reports to state fiscal staff and managers, elected officials, potential bond buyers and external interest groups to increase transparency and oversight of state revenues and expenditures.

Performance, Accountability, and Transparency Initiatives

For the purpose of supporting initiatives that are directed at improving the effectiveness of state government through the use of strategic planning and performance management; providing

information about spending, revenues and performance outcomes to the public; and enhancing internal controls.

Central Human Resources

Programs targeted to support central human resource activities shared across all state entities.

Civil Service and Physical Abilities Testing

For the purpose of recruiting, evaluating through examinations and delivering quality applicants for public safety positions for State and municipal jobs under the civil service merit system in accordance with MGL, Chapter 31 and the Personnel Administration Rules.

Collective Bargaining

For the purpose of managing labor relations with unions that represent employees in Executive Branch departments as well as granting non-managerial, non-confidential and non-Legislative employees of the Commonwealth the right to collectively bargain.

Employee Evaluations and Workplace Training

For the purpose of providing training to all agencies across the Executive Branch to improve the performance of their employees through the use of instructor lead training courses, e-learning solutions, and other initiatives.

Human Resources Administration and Operations

For the purpose of delivering customer-focused tools and solutions to help the state agencies and municipalities attract, retain, and develop a diverse and high performing workforce.

Compensation Management

For the purpose of ensuring that Commonwealth job postings and salaries for new hire management positions are in line with the Human Resources Division's policies and guidelines as well as providing oversight of rules and policies related to collective bargaining for non-management positions.

Central Information Technology Services

Programs targeted to provide state agencies with information technology strategy, infrastructure, and support services.

Information Technology Support Services

For the purpose of providing processes, tools and resources that support the operation and delivery of high quality information technology services to Executive, Legislative and Judicial Branch agencies.

Information Technology Architecture and Strategy

For the purpose of establishing and maintaining the Commonwealth's roadmap for information technology infrastructure and operating environments.

Data Center Services

For the purpose of providing fully managed information technology hosting services through a 24x7x365 facility that includes redundant power, networking, enhanced physical security, and disaster recovery.

Central Property, Construction, and Procurement Services

Programs targeted to provide property, construction, and procurement management across state entities.

Deferred Facility Maintenance

For the purpose of distributing capital funding to state agencies for maintenance projects at various state-owned facilities.

Property Construction and Maintenance Administration and Operations

For the purpose of supporting property management and administration for state facilities and office buildings including the Massachusetts State House.

Sourcing and Procurement of Goods and Services

For the purpose of procuring, managing, and administering statewide contracts for goods and services, ensuring best value, and supporting the socioeconomic and environmental goals of the Commonwealth.

State Facilities Management

For the purpose of providing cost effective Integrated Facilities Management (IFM) services including reducing the volume of critical deferred maintenance needs, extending the useful life of state owned facilities, improving accessibility and energy efficiency and integrating the management of state-owned facilities.

Surplus Property and Assets

For the purpose of disposing of Commonwealth-owned surplus personal property and real estate. Personal property includes all state-owned property (i.e. furniture, office machines, vehicles, etc.) except land and buildings.

Debt Service and Payments

Programs targeted to make debt payments for the Commonwealth and assist select other entities in making debt payments.

Consolidated Debt Service

For the purpose of payment of outstanding principal and interest on Commonwealth-backed debt obligations, commercial paper and other long term financing vehicles.

Targeted Contract Assistance

For the purpose of entering into contracts with non-state entities such as authorities to assist them in paying debt principal and interest which they have incurred with said contractual payments backed by the full faith and credit of the Commonwealth.

Revenue Management

Programs targeted to manage the collection and distribution of all sources of Commonwealth revenues.

Non-Tax Revenue Management

For the purpose of overseeing accounts receivable billing and revenue collection processes to ensure that departments are maximizing all non-tax revenue opportunities in addition to expanding the use of revenue systems to include municipalities and other government entities.

State Lottery Management

For the purpose of developing and operating the Massachusetts State Lottery including game development, revenue management, advertising and local aid revenue generation.

Tax Revenue Management

For the purpose of ensuring compliance with the Commonwealth's tax and municipal finance laws by working to ensure clear, fair, and enforceable tax policies and to develop reliable tax revenue projections.

Child Support Enforcement

For the purpose of establishing paternity and enforcing and modifying child and medical support orders through collaboration with a wide variety of public and private partners.

Public Employees Non-Health Benefits

Programs targeted to support non-health benefit costs of current and retired public employees including their family members and survivors.

Life, Accidental Death and Disability Insurance for Commonwealth Employees

For the purpose of providing basic life, accidental death, and disability insurance for Commonwealth employees.

Life, Accidental Death and Disability Insurance for Commonwealth Retirees

For the purpose of providing basic life, accidental death, and disability insurance for Commonwealth retirees.

Life and Disability Insurance for Other Public Employees and Retirees

For the purpose of providing basic life, accidental death, and disability insurance to public employees, retirees, and military veterans.

Public Employee Retirement Administration

For the purpose of investing the Commonwealth's pension fund.

Public Employee Retirement Payments

For the purpose of disbursing pension payments to eligible public employee retirees and survivors.

Civic Support and Public Engagement

Programs targeted to provide services to the general public and municipalities to promote an informed electorate, support for municipal and local government services, outward-facing policy setting, and legislative duties.

Constituent Engagement and Representation

Programs targeted to ensure a representative and responsible government is provided to the citizens of the Commonwealth.

Office of the Governor

For the purpose of fulfilling the Constitutional duties of the Office of the Governor to serve as the elected representative of the people of the Commonwealth charged with providing leadership and oversight of government operations and services, including the development and implementation of fiscally responsible and efficient public sector policies, coordination of shared federal-state responsibilities, strengthening the state's partnership with municipal and local branches of government and proposing and carrying out laws and regulations that promote the common good.

House of Representatives Activities

For the purpose of supporting the Massachusetts House of Representatives and its members in order to fulfill their elected duties to propose and consider legislation, maintain ad hoc and standing committees, perform oversight duties regarding the efficient running of state government and the well-being of the public as well as provide constituent services to assist citizens of the Commonwealth.

Joint Legislative Activities

For the purpose of supporting the operations of both branches of the Legislature through information technology services, office supplies as well as costs related to the maintenance of the State House.

Senate Activities

For the purpose of supporting the Massachusetts Senate and its members in order to fulfill their elected duties to propose and consider legislation, maintain ad hoc and standing committees, perform oversight duties regarding the efficient running of state government and the wellbeing of the public as well as provide constituent services to assist citizens of the Commonwealth.

Secretary of the Commonwealth Activities

For the purpose of supporting the Massachusetts Secretary of the Commonwealth to act as the primary public information officer of the Commonwealth and to oversee the Corporations Division, the Elections Division, the Massachusetts Archives, the Massachusetts Historical Commission, the Public Records Division, the Securities Division, and the State Records Center.

Treasurer and Receiver General Activities

For the purpose of supporting the Office of the Treasurer and Receiver General in its mission to oversee the management of the Commonwealth's funds, including managing the issuance of bonds, management of the Lottery, ensuring transparency through sharing of Commonwealth financial information, investing in local banks and businesses, managing abandoned property, educating citizens on financial matters and providing other constituent services.

State Auditor Activities

For the purpose of supporting the Office of the State Auditor in its mission to ensure that state agencies and contractors adhere to all relevant rules and regulations when spending public funds, including conducting financial, performance, and technical assessments of programs, departments, agencies, authorities, contracts, and vendors to uncover problems and recommend actions to improve accountability, efficiency, and transparency.

Attorney General Activities

For the purpose of fulfilling the duties of the Office of the Attorney General to serve as the elected legal advocate representing the Commonwealth and its residents, including such areas as consumer protection, prosecution of fraud and corruption, protection of civil rights, and ensuring the enforcement of laws.

Electoral Services

Programs targeted to deliver open and free elections within the Commonwealth.

Campaign Financing Oversight

For the purpose of ensuring compliance with campaign finance law by administering and overseeing the distribution of public funds to statewide candidates.

Election Oversight

For the purpose of ensuring state and local elections for public offices are open to all citizens and free of corruption or impediments; oversight responsibilities include ballot review and registration, voting equipment and technology evaluation, and election planning.

Voting Services

For the purpose of providing voter services to all citizens of the Commonwealth through voter registration, distribution of voter information, provision of voting equipment, and certification of election results.

Anti-Discrimination Protection and Enforcement

For the purpose of providing advocacy, capacity building and systemic change activities that enforce anti-discrimination policies and laws.

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Discrimination Prevention

For the purpose of supporting Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender (GLBT) initiatives to end discrimination and promote equality including anti-bullying programming at schools throughout the Commonwealth.

Independent Ombudsman for Vocational Rehabilitation Services

For the purpose of protecting and promoting the rights of individuals with disabilities to receive vocational rehabilitation services that lead to gainful employment, including providing an external ombudsman role required as a condition for receipt of federal vocational rehabilitation funds.

Prevention of Discrimination of Women

For the purpose of providing an effective voice for women across the Commonwealth to promote full equality and equal opportunity in all areas of life.

Equality, Diversity, and Anti-Discrimination Initiatives

Programs targeted to promote social justice for the citizens of the Commonwealth through representation, advocacy, and protection.

Developmental Disabilities Advocacy

For the purpose of the assuring that individuals with developmental disabilities and their families participate in the design of and have access to needed community services, individualized supports, and other forms of assistance that promote self-determination, independence, productivity, and integration and inclusion in all facets of community life.

Independent Audit and Compliance Services

Programs targeted to prevent fraud and abuse within cities, towns, and independent entities throughout the Commonwealth and prevent undue burden upon municipalities of state enacted legislation or regulations.

Independent and Municipal Audit Services

For the purpose of conducting independent performance and compliance audits, including audits of health care services, in accordance with Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards to ensure that all agencies, programs, and contractors are compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Insurance Fraud Prevention

For the purpose of investigating and prosecuting fraud against insurers and against the Commonwealth's unemployment insurance and workers' compensation systems in order to protect taxpayers from higher premiums and to ensure that those in need receive appropriate services.

Municipal Unfunded Mandate Compliance

For the purpose of examining and reporting on any state law or regulation that has a significant cost impact on the Commonwealth's municipalities, including determining if a state mandate imposes direct costs on a municipality and providing reimbursement for the financial cost of any such unfunded mandate.

Library Services

Programs targeted to provide access to public library services to residents and visitors of the Commonwealth.

Support for Libraries

For the purpose of supporting and strengthening library offerings and facilities through financial aid and assistance to regional and local libraries and by the development of strong regional services.

Statewide Library Services

For the purpose of delivering full and equal access to libraries through efficient organization, development, coordination, and sharing of library services and resources across the Commonwealth.

Research Libraries

For the purpose of assembling and housing the Commonwealth's collections of maps, atlases, and materials that reflect Massachusetts' culture and history, including a comprehensive collection of state publications.

Library Services for Specific Populations

For the purpose of providing access to library materials for the blind/visually impaired or those certified as unable to read normal-sized print.

Municipal and Local Aid

Programs targeted to provide general financial assistance and incentives to localities within the Commonwealth.

Municipal Incentive Programs

For the purpose of providing incentives to cities and towns to use shared service models to improve efficiency, reduce overhead, and promote increased accountability and transparency between local government and the public.

Targeted Local Aid

For the purpose of providing the Commonwealth's cities, towns and regional school districts with additional state financial assistance.

Unrestricted Local Aid

For the purpose of providing the Commonwealth's cities, towns and regional school districts with state financial assistance.

Grants to Localities for Natural Disaster Assistance

For the purpose of providing funding for relief or assistance to localities for costs incurred as a result of a natural disaster.

Public Record Management and Distribution

Programs targeted to manage the archiving and distribution of public records.

Archive Management

For the purpose of protecting items such as rare books, manuscripts, broadsides, newspapers, tax valuations, architectural drawings, prints and photographs, scrapbooks and souvenirs that are in need of special care due to their age, fragility, or format.

Public Information Delivery

For the purpose of communicating information to keep the public informed regarding topics including new laws and regulations through web publishing, printing, and other media.

Registry of Deeds

For the purpose of maintaining definitive records of real land and property ownership across the Commonwealth including liens, mortgages, and property maps.

State Records and Public Documents

For the purpose of maintaining and archiving public records including storage, management, and certification of official government documents.

Unclaimed Property

For the purpose of identifying any financial assets remitted to the Treasurer with no activity by its owner for an extended period of time, alerting the public to the existence of the asset and returning it to the owner upon verification of identification.

Housing and Economic Development

Programs targeted to increase the availability and quality of homes, jobs, and goods in the Commonwealth through effective business development, regulation, consumer services, and community development.

Business Development

Programs targeted to support the viability and success of businesses in the Commonwealth through direct promotion, incentives, financing, and other supports.

Building and Expanding Industries and Businesses

For the purpose of attracting new businesses and expanding existing businesses by engaging with manufacturers to build a strategy that promotes trade and investment, achieves cost savings, and identifies new sales opportunities.

Business Marketing and Promotion

For the purpose of ensuring the Commonwealth is a prime tourist destination for both domestic and foreign travelers through comprehensive marketing programs.

Cultural Development and Preservation

For the purpose of providing support to music, the arts and other cultural activities through education, research, and conservation programs.

Tax Credit Programs

For the purpose of providing incentives to individuals and businesses to invest in and operate within Massachusetts.

Local Tourism Promotion

For the purpose of developing regional advertising, public relations, brochures, and other marketing incentives, offering information about attractions, accommodations, events, restaurants, retail, networking, and other tourism businesses.

Business Regulation, Licensing, and Enforcement

Programs targeted to establish and apply business rules and regulations across a diverse set of goods and services.

Alcoholic Beverage Regulation

For the purpose of licensing and enforcement of state and federal liquor laws within the Commonwealth through uniform control over the sale, purchase, transportation, manufacture, consumption and possession of alcoholic beverages in the state.

Bank and Financial Service Licensing and Regulation

For the purpose of conducting safety and soundness, community reinvestment act, and/or compliance examinations of state-chartered banks, credit unions, and all licensed financial entities including debt collectors and mortgage loan originators to ensure a sound, competitive, and accessible financial services environment.

Gaming Licensing and Enforcement

For the purpose of regulation and licensing of gaming entities in a fair and transparent manner while promoting the public's welfare by safeguarding the Commonwealth against corrupt and dishonest practices.

Home Improvement Contractor Licensing and Enforcement

For the purpose of licensing Home Improvement Contractors, advising homeowners with contractor complaints of their options, and conducting arbitration and enforcement hearings as well as administering the "Home Improvement Guaranty Fund" to provide restitution to consumers unable to collect from arbitration awards or court judgments.

Non-Health Related Insurance Regulation

For the purpose of licensing insurance companies, insurance producers and other market participants to ensure fiscally sound companies, including conducting audits, examining market conduct, analyzing financial reports to ensure actuarially sound practices and taking action against companies or individuals as necessary.

Occupational Schools and Professional Services Licensure and Enforcement

For the purpose of ensuring that professionals meet and maintain standards pursuant to regulations by investigating complaints, conducting enforcement hearings and issuing sanctions to protect consumers and maintain a fair and competitive marketplace.

Telecommunications and Cable Regulations

For the purpose of regulating the telecommunications and cable industries to ensure that consumers receive quality service at reasonable rates by promoting competition, maintaining and enforcing consumer protection, and providing input into the development of industry related policies.

Utility Regulation

For the purpose of regulating utility industries to ensure that consumers receive quality service at reasonable rates by promoting competition, maintaining and enforcing consumer protection, and providing input into the development of industry related policies.

Weights and Measures Licensing and Enforcement

For the purpose of protecting consumers by enforcing laws, rules, and regulations pertaining to weights and measures and item pricing through state wide inspections and testing of businesses such as motor fuel resellers, auto damage repair shops, hawkers and peddlers, transient vendors, promoters and auctioneers.

Business Regulation Compliance and Assistance

For the purpose of developing and overseeing regulations to assist businesses working in MA so they will have the ability to succeed and expand.

Consumer Services and Education

Programs targeted to protect and inform consumers through advocacy and education.

Banks Consumer Services and Education

For the purpose of educating consumers about credit and basic banking services by answering consumer questions and investigating complaints regarding regulated or licensed financial entities as well as obtaining voluntary stays of foreclosure, administration of foreclosure databases and participation in foreclosure workshops.

Non-Health Related Insurance Consumer Services and Education

For the purpose of assisting consumers in issue resolution by responding to consumer inquiries and investigating complaints against insurers, agents and other licensees. This program also provides consumers with insurance information through print and electronic outreach and forums to educate consumers on their options and rights as policyholders.

Omnibus Consumer Services and Education

For the purpose of protecting consumers through consumer advocacy, education and numerous outreach activities by maintaining websites and hosting a toll-free hotline for all consumer inquiries and complaints as well as working to ensure that banks, insurance companies and other entities regulated by the Commonwealth treat consumers fairly.

Telecom and Cable Consumer Services and Education

For the purpose of assisting consumers in issue resolution by responding to consumer inquiries, investigating complaints against providers, and mediating resolution of billing issues.

Housing and Community Development

Programs targeted to ensure the availability of public and affordable housing including emergency and specialty housing services to individuals and families in need.

Affordable Housing Development

For the purpose of subsidizing and assisting developers who produce and preserve privately-owned affordable housing in the Commonwealth including augmenting state subsidy programs, federal Low Income Housing Tax Credits, HOPE VI and CHOICE Neighborhoods programs that rebuild federally owned public housing developments.

Community Development and Stabilization

For the purpose of supporting physical planning for Massachusetts neighborhoods, cities, towns and regions while investing in communities, community-action services and operations that serve low-income residents of the Commonwealth.

Dormitory Services for Veterans

For the purpose of providing staffed beds in a safe and secure community environment for veterans in need including access and referral to support services, medical care, nutritional services under the supervision of on-site physicians, registered nurses, licensed social workers, and case managers working in collaboration with the federal Veterans Administration.

Emergency Housing Assistance

For the purpose of providing stabilization services to prevent homelessness, provide emergency shelter, and assist individuals and families in securing permanent housing; including advocacy, information, referral, career counseling, and education services.

Public Housing Construction

For the purpose of funding the construction, renovation, capital improvement, and deferred maintenance of the Commonwealth's public housing network.

Public Housing Operations and Maintenance

For the purpose of providing housing in units that are managed by Public Housing Authorities for the Commonwealth's most vulnerable residents, including low-income families, seniors, and people with disabilities.

Rental Assistance

For the purpose of administering voucher programs for persons of low income to rent apartments that are not in public housing developments, including the Federal Section 8 Choice Voucher program, Massachusetts Rental Voucher program, and the Alternative Housing Voucher program for persons with disabilities.

Economic Development General Operations

Programs targeted to support statewide economic development operations which are shared across multiple programs or agencies and cannot be allocated to specific programmatic areas.

Economic Development Central Administration

For the purpose of providing housing and economic development business operations that support multiple programs and cannot be allocated to specific programmatic areas. Activities may include executive oversight, developing strategic plans, giving policy guidance, and other miscellaneous support functions.

Economic Development Contracts and Legal Services

For the purpose of providing housing and economic development contract and legal services that support multiple programs and cannot be allocated to specific programmatic areas. Activities may include general counsel, contract development, document review, claims defense and prosecution, and negotiation and mediation.

Economic Development Human Resources

For the purpose of providing human resource management for housing and economic development that supports multiple programs and cannot be allocated to specific programmatic areas. Activities may include hiring, recruiting, training, collective bargaining, employee evaluations, and professional development.

Economic Development IT

For the purpose of managing and supporting the housing and economic development technology infrastructure including technical support for multiple programs that cannot be allocated to specific programmatic areas. Activities may include software development, application hosting, communication systems, data processing, and security services.

Economic Development Planning, Accounting, and Finance

For the purpose of providing housing and economic development financial management, processing, and tracking that support multiple programs and cannot be allocated to specific programmatic areas. Activities may include budget development, grants management, transaction processing, financial reporting, and long range planning.

Education

Programs targeted to promote learning, improve academic proficiency, close the achievement gap, and further develop a public education system for students of all ages.

Early Education and Care Services and Supports

Programs targeted to prepare young children for entry into the K-12 education system including early childhood support services.

Access to Early Education and Child Care

For the purpose of providing access to quality and affordable early education and care and out-of-school time services through financial assistance to eligible families.

Comprehensive Supports for Students and Families

For the purpose of assisting parents and families with supports and resources to improve and strengthen parenting skills and facilitate a child's healthy development, including nutrition, health, safety and cognitive skills.

Targeted Early Education and Child Care Quality Enhancements

For the purpose of enhancing the quality of early education and care provision to ensure every child begins kindergarten school-ready and that early educators provide the richest, healthiest and most educationally sound environment for the children in their care.

Educational Quality, Enrichment, and Performance Evaluation

Programs targeted to ensure K-12 instruction and curriculums are meeting quality standards for all learners including school and student assessments.

District, School, and Student Assessments and Review

For the purpose of analyzing the effectiveness of districts and schools in teaching the state-developed curriculum, and at ascertaining the proficiency of each student in key curriculum areas, for example math, English and science.

Educator Certification and Educator Quality Assurance

For the purpose of ensuring the quality of the Commonwealth's educators through licensure, re-licensure and quality professional development.

Science Technology Engineering and Math Initiatives

For the purpose of enhancing the quality of the Commonwealth school districts and enriching their curriculum content, with a particular focus on science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).

Higher Education

Programs targeted to provide advanced instruction, research, and career preparedness to individuals who have completed secondary education.

Community Colleges

For the purpose of providing unrestricted funding to the community colleges of the Commonwealth to support their operations.

Higher Education Performance Management

For the purpose of establishing a robust and meaningful performance-based process for funding and managing the public higher education system in the Commonwealth.

Higher Education Scholarship and Financial Aid

For the purpose of making public and private higher education more affordable through the provision of financial assistance to qualified recipients. Qualifications may include income level, foster care status or specific fields of study.

Higher Education Workforce Development and Targeted Training Programs

For the purpose of enhancing the capacity of public higher education, especially community colleges, to provide educational experiences that connect directly to the job opportunities available within a given region of the Commonwealth.

Other Higher Education Subsidies and Supports

For the purpose of providing specific subsidies and matching grants for special institutions and programs, such as Tufts Veterinary School, and dues for certain higher education organizations to which the state belongs.

State Universities

For the purpose of providing unrestricted funding to the state universities of the Commonwealth to support their operations.

University of Massachusetts

For the purpose of providing unrestricted funding to the University of Massachusetts to support its operations, and for specific initiatives on the five campuses of the unified system.

Comprehensive Supports for K-12 Students and Families

Programs targeted to stabilize student learning environments and provide education services in alternative settings.

Education Services for Youth in Custody

For the purpose of providing a comprehensive and integrated range of education services for youth based on their needs, experiences and competencies, including technical and vocational skills.

In-School Meals

For the purpose of providing healthy and nutritious food to students so that hunger and malnourishment do not limit their capacity to learn.

Youth Outreach Programs

For the purpose of providing positive development for youth through out-of-school activities that are character-building and supported by data.

School Health and Counseling Services

For the purpose of addressing disparities in access to a wide range of health and social services for K-12 students and their families by providing counseling and referral to other services to reduce barriers to care that are also barriers to student achievement.

K-12 Supports and Reimbursements

Programs targeted to support the K-12 public education system through grants, reimbursements, and special payments to localities.

Charter School Supports and Reimbursements

For the purpose of providing partial reimbursement to school districts for the transitional costs associated with the opening of new charter schools and the loss of students who choose the charter school rather than their district-based school.

K-12 Grants to School Districts

For the purpose of providing unrestricted grants to school districts according to a needs-based formula for use in the provision of K-12 education to the students of the Commonwealth.

K-12 School Transportation

For the purpose of providing partial to full reimbursements to school districts for the costs associated with transporting students to and from school.

K-12 Special Education Supports and Reimbursements

For the purpose of providing partial reimbursement to school districts for the costs associated with the provision of special education, both within the school district and through private providers.

Special Payments to School Districts

For the purpose of providing special payments for unique situations in certain school districts, including schools with a high percentage of military personnel, recently regionalized schools, and matching payments for the Franklin Institute.

School and District Turnaround/ Achievement Gap Reduction

Programs targeted to increase the academic performance of the lowest performing K-12 public schools.

District, School, and Student Interventions

For the purpose of providing targeted supports and interventions to districts and schools identified as underperforming based on MCAS tests and department reviews, and to students who have failed the MCAS tests and need additional tutoring to graduate.

English Language Learners Initiatives

For the purpose of reducing the significant achievement gap among English language learners by providing high-quality, engaging English learning experiences during summer months, weekends, and other out-of-school times as well as during the traditional school day.

Learning Time Extensions

For the purpose of reducing the achievement gap through providing additional time in the school day, week or year for students and schools who need such time to achieve proficiency.

Literacy Initiatives

For the purpose of reducing the achievement gap in English acquisition through effective literacy instruction from pre-school through grade three.

Workforce Education and Lifelong Learning

Programs targeted to prepare teen and adult individuals for personal independence and career readiness.

Adult Education

For the purpose of ensuring that adults with limited English proficiency and/or without a high school diploma are provided quality educational opportunities to remedy those gaps in attainment.

Career and College Readiness

For the purpose of enhancing the capacity of school districts to assist students in making meaningful connections between the curriculum they are taught and the jobs they will eventually seek, and to engage students more in planning their education.

Personal Finance Education

For the purpose of developing and disseminating curricula for Commonwealth residents related to financial management and responsibility.

Teen Education and Job Skills Development

For the purpose of moving youth towards economic self-sufficiency including assessment, Adult Basic Education, high school/General Equivalency Degree (GED) education, life and parenting skills, counseling, prevocational activities, job development, job placement, and follow-up services.

Education General Operations

Programs targeted to support statewide education operations which are shared across multiple programs or agencies and cannot be allocated to specific programmatic areas.

Education Central Administration

For the purpose of providing education business operations that support multiple programs and cannot be allocated to specific programmatic areas. Activities may include executive oversight, developing strategic plans, giving policy guidance, and other miscellaneous support functions.

Education Contracts and Legal Services

For the purpose of providing education contract and legal services that support multiple programs and cannot be allocated to specific programmatic areas. Activities may include general counsel, contract development, document review, claims defense and prosecution, and negotiation and mediation.

Education Facilities

For the purpose of managing and maintaining education facilities, including leased space that support multiple programs and cannot be allocated to specific programmatic areas. Activities may include property construction, improvements, and maintenance in addition to plant operations and utility costs.

Education Human Resources

For the purpose of providing human resource management for education that supports multiple programs and cannot be allocated to specific programmatic areas. Activities may include hiring, recruiting, training, collective bargaining, employee evaluations, and professional development.

Education IT

For the purpose of managing and supporting the education technology infrastructure including technical support for multiple programs that cannot be allocated to specific programmatic areas. Activities may include software development, application hosting, communication systems, data processing, and security services.

Education Planning, Accounting, and Finance

For the purpose of providing education financial management, processing, and tracking that support multiple programs and cannot be allocated to specific programmatic areas. Activities may include budget development, grants management, transaction processing, financial reporting, and long range planning.

Education Procurement

For the purpose of acquiring goods and services for education that support multiple programs and cannot be allocated to specific programmatic areas. Activities may include proposal development, vendor selection, distribution of goods, and purchase negotiations.

Energy and Environment

Programs targeted to preserve and promote the Commonwealth's environmental health and afford residents and visitors the use of the Commonwealth's public parks and recreational spaces.

Agricultural and Natural Resource Management

Programs targeted to manage, and conserve the Commonwealth's forests, agriculture, fauna, and other natural resources.

Animal Health Monitoring

For the purpose of ensuring the health and safety of the Commonwealth's domestic animals and providing rapid response to possible disease situations.

Farming and Agricultural Development

For the purpose of fostering the growth and viability of the Commonwealth's agricultural sector and markets.

Forestry Management

For the purpose of managing over 3.7M acres of public and privately owned forest land and municipal watersheds.

Natural Resource Conservation

For the purpose of managing public lands such as parks, forests and reservations based upon a comprehensive inventory and assessment of environmental and recreational resources, identification of the unique characteristics of a property, and development of an implementation plan to guide short and long-term objectives.

Energy and Environmental Infrastructure

Programs targeted to maintain and improve the Commonwealth's environmental, utility, and recreational infrastructure.

Dams, Seawalls, and Water Resource Management

For the purpose of ensuring the structural integrity of the Commonwealth's waterways and seawall infrastructure through supervising the inspection of dams, managing stormwater, and improving water quality; activities include public education, illicit discharge detection and elimination, and construction of stormwater management controls.

Parkways and Pedestrian Bridges Management

For the purpose of maintaining parkways and associated pedestrian bridges through repairs, snow and ice treatment, street sweeping, and tree care/removal.

Utility Generation, Transmission, and Distribution

For the purpose of supporting policies to maintain a reliable and cost effective energy infrastructure through oversight of investor-owned electric power, natural gas, and water utilities within the Commonwealth.

Energy Policy and Sustainability

Programs targeted to promote responsible energy policy and usage including investments in facilities remediation and renewable energy.

Energy Conservation and Efficiency

For the purpose of developing and overseeing strategies to assist residents and businesses to save energy and manage costs, while growing the economy and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Energy Markets

For the purpose of assessing energy market operations, implementing effective policies to improve the resiliency of critical energy infrastructures, and providing information to the public and stakeholders.

Energy Policy Development

For the purpose of establishing policies to support the emergence of clean energy technologies, businesses, and jobs in the Commonwealth.

Energy Resource Assessment

For the purpose of collecting assessments on electric and gas investor-owned utilities.

Facilities Remediation for Reduced Energy Consumption

For the purpose of performing energy efficiency and renewable energy improvements on state facilities.

Renewable Energy

For the purpose of increasing the contribution of renewable and alternative energy to the Commonwealth's electricity supply through the implementation of the Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard programs.

Environmental Protection

Programs targeted to protect and preserve areas within the Commonwealth's borders through effective pollution management and resource protection.

Coastal Zone Management

For the purpose of protecting coastal and marine resources through planning, public involvement, education, research, and sound resource management practices.

Environmental Research and Analysis

For the purpose of conducting scientific and legal analysis to support environmental protection including collecting and processing of water and air samples, developing protocols for analyzing environmental pollutants and toxins, providing technical and lab support for environmental enforcement cases, and regulating environmental laboratories in Massachusetts.

Hazard Waste Site Professional Certification and Compliance

For the purpose of establishing and enforcing standards for the Licensed Site Professional (LSP) profession which administers licensing exams, offers professional training, and pursues disciplinary action relative to LSPs who violate professional standards.

Hazardous Waste Site Cleanup and Restoration

For the purpose of managing and controlling releases or threats of releases of hazardous waste through emergency response to events such as marine oil spills; ensuring proper cleanup of known hazardous waste sites; managing and regulating underground storage tanks; operating waste treatment facilities at federal Superfund sites; promoting Brownfields redevelopment; auditing privately managed hazardous waste site cleanups; and, restoring natural resources damaged by hazardous waste releases.

Pest Management

For the purpose of regulating the agricultural industry and pesticide application services through inspection, examination, licensing, registration, quarantine, and enforcement of laws and regulations in order to protect public health and the environment.

Pollution and Waste Prevention and Management

For the purpose of preventing, reducing, and managing pollution and waste and ensuring air quality through activities such as regulating the disposal of solid waste at landfills and incinerators; providing programs to promote recycling and reduction in the use of toxic products; and managing the handling, transport and disposal of hazardous waste.

Water Resource Protection and Access

For the purpose of protecting water supplies and ensuring the quality of drinking water quality from public water systems, including water pollution control actions, preservation of wetlands, preservation of public access to waterways, and oversight of wastewater treatment and drinking water infrastructure construction projects.

Fisheries, Wildlife and Habitat Management

Programs targeted to responsibly manage, protect, and restore the Commonwealth's natural wildlife and associated habitats.

Ecological Restoration and Protection

For the purpose of restoring the health and integrity of the Commonwealth's rivers, wetlands, and watersheds.

Fisheries, Wildlife, and Natural Heritage Management

For the purpose of managing wildlife, inland fisheries, and natural heritage programs including the protection of wild amphibians, reptiles, birds, mammals, freshwater and diadromous fish and endangered, threatened and special concern species.

Habitat Protection

For the purpose of acquiring land and related habitat for preservation through assessments on sporting constituencies.

Marine Fisheries Licensing and Management

For the purpose of protecting and enhancing the Commonwealth's marine fishery resources through the promotion and regulation of commercial and sport fishing, as well as scientific research, education and outreach.

Environmental Law Enforcement

For the purpose of protecting environmental and natural resources through enforcement of state and federal environmental laws and regulations, education, and public outreach including

enforcement of boating and recreational vehicle laws and regulations, and registration of boats, all-terrain vehicles and snowmobiles.

Parks and Recreation

Programs targeted to operate and improve public parks and recreational facilities along with their associated services.

Fishing and Boating Access

For the purpose of providing boat, canoe and fishing pier access sites on inland and coastal waters, great ponds and rivers in Massachusetts.

Parks and Recreation Public Safety

For the purpose of providing lifeguard and emergency services at pools, wading pools, spray decks, beaches, and inland ponds which the Commonwealth operates including providing security at the Massachusetts Statehouse and other park facilities.

Parks Management and Operations

For the purpose of managing the Commonwealth's state park system including forests, parks, greenways, historic sites and landscapes, seashores, lakes, ponds, reservoirs and watersheds.

Preservation of Historic Resources

For the purpose of preserving historically significant buildings, cemeteries, and landscapes.

Recreational Facilities and Services

For the purpose of operating state-owned golf courses, aquatic facilities, ice skating rinks, and recreation complexes and managing playgrounds, baseball fields, tennis courts and basketball courts in state parks.

Energy and Environment General Operations

Programs targeted to support statewide energy and environment operations which are shared across multiple programs or agencies and cannot be allocated to specific programmatic areas.

Energy and Environment Central Administration

For the purpose of providing energy and environment business operations that support multiple programs and cannot be allocated to specific programmatic areas. Activities may include executive oversight, developing strategic plans, giving policy guidance, and other miscellaneous support functions.

Energy and Environment Contracts and Legal Services

For the purpose of providing energy and environment contract and legal services that support multiple programs and cannot be allocated to specific programmatic areas. Activities may include general counsel, contract development, document review, claims defense and prosecution, and negotiation and mediation.

Energy and Environment Facilities

For the purpose of managing and maintaining energy and environment facilities, including leased space that support multiple programs and cannot be allocated to specific programmatic areas. Activities may include property construction, improvements, and maintenance in addition to plant operations and utility costs.

Energy and Environment Human Resources

For the purpose of providing human resource management for energy and environment that supports multiple programs and cannot be allocated to specific programmatic areas. Activities may include hiring, recruiting, training, collective bargaining, employee evaluations, and professional development.

Energy and Environment IT

For the purpose of managing and supporting the energy and environment technology infrastructure including technical support for multiple programs that cannot be allocated to specific programmatic areas. Activities may include software development, application hosting, communication systems, data processing, and security services.

Energy and Environment Planning, Accounting, and Finance

For the purpose of providing energy and environment financial management, processing, and tracking that support multiple programs and cannot be allocated to specific programmatic areas. Activities may include budget development, grants management, transaction processing, financial reporting, and long range planning.

Energy and Environment Procurement

For the purpose of acquiring goods and services for energy and environment that support multiple programs and cannot be allocated to specific programmatic areas. Activities may include proposal development, vendor selection, distribution of goods, and purchase negotiations.

Health Coverage Related Services

Programs targeted to provide or facilitate the acquisition of health coverage for residents and employees of the Commonwealth in addition to overseeing health coverage market policies and regulation.

Health Market Oversight

Programs targeted to monitor and regulate the health coverage market through oversight, policy, and quality assurance.

Drug Control and Prescription Monitoring

For the purpose of protecting consumers against fraud, deception and unsafe practices in the distribution, handling and use of pharmaceuticals by licensing pharmacies and monitoring the prescription of controlled substances.

Health Care Access

For the purpose of providing regulatory oversight of the small group and individual health insurance markets in order to ensure the provision of affordable health plans including the dissemination of information to consumers relative to health insurance coverage and access to affordable insurance products.

Health Market Analysis

For the purpose of monitoring the Massachusetts health care system and providing reliable information and analysis to improve health care quality, affordability, access, and outcomes.

Pharmaceutical / Medical Device Regulation

For the purpose of supporting the Pharmaceutical and Medical Device Code of Conduct which establishes standards for certain interactions between the pharmaceutical/medical device industry and health care providers/health plan administrators.

Health Connector Administration and Operations

For the purpose of administering and operating the Commonwealth Health Insurance Connector Authority to support cost-containment of health insurance for students, individuals and small businesses and to support other state and federal health reform efforts aimed at decreasing the rate of uninsured persons in Massachusetts.

Health Market Information Technology Infrastructure

For the purposes of developing and operating critical health market information technology infrastructure systems with providers to support MassHealth, Medicaid, and other health information technology systems including the Massachusetts Health Information Exchange and Health Insurance Exchange Integrated Eligibility System.

Subsidized Health Coverage

Programs targeted to provide or subsidize health coverage to individuals and families who meet state or federal eligibility requirements.

Commonwealth Care

For the purpose of maintaining access to affordable health insurance coverage for low-income residents of Massachusetts who are not eligible for Medicaid through a competitively procured health insurance premium assistance program.

State-Subsidized Wrap-around Program

For the purpose of reducing health insurance premiums for individuals and small businesses in Massachusetts by offering competitive subsidies through eligible health insurance carriers to reduce the cost of health insurance coverage for low-income residents who are not eligible for Medicaid.

Non-Disabled Adults Health Coverage (ACA Expansion)

For the purpose of providing affordable health insurance coverage for low-income individuals and families who have become newly eligible for State Plan coverage in 2014 due to the implementation of the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

Health Safety Net

For the purpose of reimbursing acute hospitals and community health centers for a portion of the cost of reimbursable health services provided to low-income, uninsured and underinsured residents.

Non-Disabled Adults Health Coverage (Traditional Medicaid)

For the purpose of providing health insurance to low-to-medium-income non-disabled adults for covered health care services.

Non-Disabled Children Health Coverage

For the purpose of providing health insurance to non-disabled children of low-to-medium-income families for covered health care services.

Disabled Adults Health Coverage

For the purpose of providing health insurance to low-to-medium-income disabled adults for covered health care services.

Disabled Children Health Coverage

For the purpose of providing health insurance to disabled children of low-to-medium-income families for covered health care services.

Seniors Health Coverage

For the purpose of providing health insurance to low- to medium-income seniors. Services are designed to provide comprehensive medical and social services to frail elders so that they are able to live in their communities instead of in nursing homes.

Long Term Unemployed Health Coverage

For the purpose of providing health insurance to long term unemployed adults for covered health care services.

Insurance Premium Payments and Subsidies

For the purpose of reducing the amount of out-of-pocket money paid for prescriptions and medical care for low- to medium-income individuals, families, and disabled persons.

Medical Assistance and Delivery System Incentive Hospital Payments

For the purpose of providing hospitals and health networks with supplemental payments for costs incurred for serving low-income populations with serious medical needs in order to promote integrated delivery systems, innovative care methods, alternative payment models, and population-level healthcare services.

MassHealth Administration and Operations

For the purpose of operating the MassHealth (Medicaid) insurance program providing health care for low- to medium-income and disabled persons.

Public Employees Health Coverage

Programs targeted to support health coverage costs of current and retired public employees including their family members and survivors.

Dental and Vision Insurance for Current Commonwealth Employees

For the purpose of providing dental and vision insurance for current Commonwealth employees, including processing dental and vision insurance payments pursuant to collective bargaining agreements.

Health Insurance for Commonwealth Employees

For the purpose of providing health insurance for Commonwealth employees, their spouses, and dependents

Health Insurance for Commonwealth Retirees and Survivors

For the purpose of providing health insurance for Commonwealth retirees, survivors, and their dependents.

Health Insurance for GIC-covered Municipal Employees, Retirees, and Survivors

For the purpose of providing health insurance for participating municipal employees, retirees, survivors, and their dependents, including those who entered through municipal health reform.

Health Insurance for Other GIC-covered Public Employees, Retirees, and Survivors

For the purpose of providing health insurance for employees, retirees, survivors, and their dependents for public entities such as housing and redevelopment authorities.

Public Employee Insurance Administration and Operations

For the purpose of providing administration of insurance benefits to state, municipal, and other public agency employees, retirees, survivors, and their dependents.

Health Insurance for Retired Municipal Teachers and Elderly Government Retirees

For the purpose of providing health insurance coverage for retired municipal teachers and a small number of municipal and state retirees and survivors whose retirement predated the established of group insurance benefits for their governmental unit.

Health and Social Services

Government supported functions targeted to promote the general well-being and self-sufficiency of persons in need of safety net services as well as functions provided to the general public to protect and maintain the public health.

Clinical Behavioral Healthcare or Medical Care

Programs targeted to offer ambulatory or outpatient clinical care including evaluative services.

Early Intervention Programs for Children

For the purpose of fostering and increasing positive developmental outcomes for children 0-3 years old who have developmental difficulties due to identified disabilities or are at risk for developmental issues due to social or environmental circumstances.

Family Health Services

For the purpose of providing comprehensive family planning services targeted to low-income residents and adolescents in order to prevent unintended pregnancies and sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV/AIDS, reduce infant mortality and morbidity, and improve the health of individuals and communities.

Health Services for Youth in Custody

For the purpose of providing health services for youth who are in the custody and care of the Commonwealth and in residential placements, including urgent care, disease stabilization, and primary health care.

Oral Health Services

For the purpose of ensuring that all residents have access to dental services and providing prevention programs including monitoring community water fluoridation and school fluoride and sealant programs in cities and towns.

Out-Patient Services for Veterans

For the purpose of providing quality medical care to veterans living in the community and Soldiers' Homes including health promotion, disease prevention, and referrals. Clinical services include dental, podiatry, urology, general surgery, optometry and dietary consultations.

Psychiatric Mental Health Services

For the purpose of providing treatment or protective services to prevent and remediate abusive situations, mitigate recurrence, keep individuals safe, enable law enforcement to investigate cases, and provide services for victims and non-offending family members.

Substance Abuse Treatment Services

For the purpose of providing a range of addiction treatment programs to assist people in initiating and maintaining abstinence from alcohol and other drugs of abuse, including inpatient detoxification, residential treatment, and outpatient counseling services for youth and adults, as well as medication-assisted treatment for adults.

Community Prevention, Screening, and Public Health Services

Programs targeted to offer preventative health, state laboratory and environmental health and inspection services, education and awareness opportunities, and lead prevention and other community prevention programs.

Community & School-based Health Centers

For the purpose of promoting primary care access, identifying healthcare delivery system gaps, ensuring recruitment and retention of health care professionals in underserved areas, and facilitating healthcare partnerships.

Environmental Health

For the purpose of providing environmental health assessments to address community concerns about environmental exposure, conduct health surveillance activities, and provide regulatory programs that ensure compliance with standards for radiation control, community sanitation, food safety, and prevention of childhood lead poisoning.

Food Safety

For the purpose of ensuring the wholesomeness, safety, and security of food and other consumer products through conducting inspections, collecting samples, leading special investigations, responding to consumer complaints and food-borne illness reports, and conducting vulnerability assessments of food manufacturers and distributors.

Health Care Safety and Quality Assurance

For the purpose of ensuring the safe care of patients through the licensing of health care facilities and health professionals, facility surveys and inspections, and the review and investigation of consumer complaints regarding health care facilities and health professionals.

Health Emergency Preparedness and Response

For the purpose of addressing public health security and all-hazards preparedness and response activities in partnership with local public health organizations, hospitals, community health centers and ambulatory care providers, emergency medical services, long-term care facilities, emergency management, and the entire community.

Health Information, Research, and Evaluation

For the purpose of monitoring emerging health trends; tracking of statistics on births, deaths, cancers, violence, injuries, birth defects, occupational safety and other health surveillance; surveying of adults and children about health behaviors; issuance of copies of vital records; and interpretation and dissemination of reports and research.

Health Professional Licensure and Enforcement

For the purpose of licensing health care professionals through regulatory boards which establish rules and regulations to ensure that only qualified applicants are licensed, and which adjudicate complaints, and impose disciplinary actions to protect the public.

Health Promotion / Prevention Screening Services

For the purpose of providing preventive screenings and health education for communities with high prevalence of chronic diseases using evidence-based interventions to promote health and wellness and ensure health equity.

HIV Treatment and Prevention

For the purpose of providing clinical and community-based services to help residents avoid HIV infection, learn their HIV status, and, for HIV+ persons, access medical care and related social services to reduce HIV transmission and maintain optimal health.

Infectious Disease, Prevention, and Response

For the purpose of providing epidemiologic tracking, behavioral and biomedical prevention, and preventive treatment of infections associated with human diseases including immunization, infection control measures, coordination with local health agents and clinicians, and analysis of disease trends.

Positive Youth Development

For the purpose of implementing a comprehensive approach to youth violence prevention grounded in a framework that addresses risk and protective factors, including connection to healthy adult, family, education and employment supports, trauma and bereavement services, and afterschool activities.

Public Health Laboratory Services

For the purpose of testing and surveillance activities targeted at sexually transmitted diseases, chemical illness/poisoning, food-borne illness, tuberculosis, viral illness, rabies, influenza and mosquito borne illness.

Healthy Workforce Programs

For the purpose of increasing workplace wellness activities in small business settings through health insurance premium rebates as well as supporting wellness programming for eligible Commonwealth employees.

Substance Abuse, Gambling and Tobacco Prevention and Intervention

For the purpose of prevention and cessation of substance abuse, gambling and the use of tobacco products, with the goal of changing community norms, including public education campaigns, alcohol and tobacco compliance checks at retail outlets and drug overdose prevention efforts.

Suicide Prevention

For the purpose of reducing the number of suicides and suicide attempts through support to community agencies, education and training for professionals and caregivers, and funding programs for youth, veterans and older adults.

Teen Pregnancy Prevention

For the purpose of promoting behavior change for at-risk youth to support delayed onset of premature sexual activity among adolescents, reducing rates of youth engaging in risk behaviors and decreased incidence of teen births, sexually transmitted diseases, and HIV infection.

Direct Client and Family Supports

Programs targeted to offer a broad range of social services delivered directly to enrolled or specifically identified clients.

Citizenship Programs

For the purpose of enabling Massachusetts legal permanent residents to become naturalized citizens of the U.S. through a network of community based organizations that provide English

instruction, civics classes, application assistance, interview preparation, and additional support services to aspiring applicants.

Committed Youth Services

For the purpose of providing case management and supervision to committed youth to facilitate and support transition and re-integration to their communities.

Community Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

For the purpose of providing interpreter and Communication Access Real Time (CART) referral services and ensuring ADA-mandated communication access between the Deaf and hearing communities; technical assistance, and ADA communication access compliance training to public health, public safety, private and public entities; and ensuring accessibility of public information for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

Family Autism Services for Children

For the purpose of providing supports to help children with autism remain in their homes and actively participate in their families and communities. The Autism Waiver provides one-to-one behavioral, social and communication based interventions through a service called Expanded Habilitation Education.

Mental Health Programs for Individuals

For the purpose of providing support to individuals with serious mental illness or emotional disturbance, as well as their family and caregivers, through training, continuing education, consultation, direct client assessment, individual service plan development, and referrals to appropriate services and providers.

Pediatric Palliative Care

For the purpose of improving the quality of life for children with life-limiting illness and their families by meeting their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs. Services are usually provided in the home and include pain/symptom management, case management, counseling, respite, advanced care planning, and spiritual care.

Services for Victims of Violence

For the purpose of assuring that victims of violence receive the services and supports they need at the point of crisis and throughout the criminal justice system and healing processes.

Services to Support Families

For the purpose of providing family support services which consist of supplemental supports that help a family to care for their family member at home. Types of family support services include individual and/or family education and training, support groups, family support coordination, supports planning, supports for community participation, outreach and education.

Social Workers and Case Management

For the purpose of supporting caseworkers who work directly with clients to assist them in accessing appropriate programs in a timely manner including assessing families' strengths and needs and working with families towards achieving targeted goals.

Women, Child, and Family Health Supports

For the purpose of improving health outcomes for women, infants, children, and families, including home visits for high-need families, promoting quality maternal and infant care, building early childhood systems of care, and reducing childhood injuries and violence.

Emergency Short Term Intervention and Stabilization

Programs targeted to provide individuals in an emergency situation a place of overnight housing in a specialized residential facility or hospital setting for a limited period of time.

Detained Youth Residential Services

For the purpose of providing detention services for youth charged with a criminal offense and being held on bail awaiting court action in either a locked secure detention program or in an alternative placement through the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative.

Juvenile Offender Short Term Placements

For the purpose of providing a short-term, non-secure placement for children who have been arrested but cannot be arraigned until the following business day in order to prevent overnight placement in an adult jail cell.

Pre-Arraignment Short-Term Placements

For the purpose of providing pre-arraignment overnight placement for arrested youth to aid law enforcement in complying with the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act's requirement for sight and sound separation between juveniles and adult prisoners.

Short Term Residential Services

For the purpose of providing a short-term placement where an intensive assessment to determine needs can take place and a determination can be made as to the most appropriate goals and placement for the individual's needs.

Youth Short Term Assessment

For the purpose of assessing all youth newly committed to the care and custody of the Commonwealth to determine the appropriate placement and treatment plan to meet their individual needs.

Financial Assistance for Families and Individuals in Need

Programs targeted to offer financial assistance in the form of cash grants, annuities or other benefits to eligible individuals.

Assistance for Elderly, Disabled, and Children

For the purpose of providing cash assistance to the elderly, disabled, those caring for a disabled person, or certain families ineligible for other types of assistance, with little or no assets and income. Many clients await approval for federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits from the Social Security Administration.

Assistance for Families with Dependent Children

For the purpose of meeting the basic needs and reducing barriers to self-sufficiency for families with little or no assets or income including providing monthly grants through the Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children (TAFDC) program, limited transportation reimbursements for clients participating in work activities, and payment of GED test fees.

Low Income Home Energy Assistance

For the purpose of assisting low income families to pay energy bills through cash payments sent directly to the utility company or a crisis grant for households in immediate danger of being without heat.

SSI State Supplemental Program

For the purpose of administering the State Supplemental Program (SSP), a state-funded cash assistance program targeted to help the elderly, disabled, and blind individuals meet basic needs. Payments are in addition to federal SSI benefits and eligibility is determined by the federal SSI program and UMass Disability Evaluation Services (DES).

Veterans Benefits

For the purpose of reducing indigence by providing a uniform program of financial and medical assistance for qualified veterans and their dependents including financial assistance for food, shelter, clothing, fuel and medical care, and an annual annuity to qualified disabled veterans.

Disability Determination Services

For the purpose of providing eligibility determination for consumers applying for Social Security Disability Insurance.

Flexible Community Supports

Programs targeted to provide a range of rehabilitative intervention, support services, and person-centered care to individuals and families to facilitate integration or continue stabilization in the community.

Community-Based Mental Health Programs

For the purpose of treating eligible individuals at home, in a community-based residential setting, or another community-based site. These highly individualized services provide a range of rehabilitative interventions, support services, and person and family centered care to facilitate integration into or continued stabilization in the community.

Family Resource Centers

Family Resource Centers (FRC) are community-based, culturally competent programs that provide evidence-based parent education groups, information and referral, mentoring, and other opportunities for families in need. FRCs also provide services to children requiring assistance, including runaways, truants, and sexually exploited children.

Home Care Services for the Elderly and Disabled

For the purpose of providing in-home support services for individuals with daily living needs to help maintain independent community living. Services are designed to encourage independence and dignity for the individual as well as supporting caregivers by relieving on-going care giving responsibilities.

Homelessness Prevention

For the purpose of providing stabilization services to prevent homelessness, provide emergency shelter, and assist individuals and families in securing permanent housing; including advocacy, information, referral, career, and education services.

Independent Living Programs and Supports

For the purpose of providing individuals with assistive technology and community supports that allow them to remain and participate in the community and be as independent as possible.

Protective Services for Children, Elderly, and Disabled

For the purpose of providing protective services to prevent and remediate abusive situations, mitigate recurrence, keep individuals safe, enable law enforcement to investigate cases, and provide services for victims and non-offending family members.

Refugee Support Services

For the purpose of helping refugees adjust to life in the United States and to achieve economic stability including cash and medical assistance, case management, employment services, health assessment and foster care for unaccompanied refugee minors.

Special Health Care Needs

For the purpose of providing family-centered, community-based, and coordinated care for children and youth with special health care needs including connecting families with appropriate services, helping them navigate the health care system, and promoting family involvement in care planning.

Substance Abuse, Gambling, and Tobacco Supportive Services

For the purpose of providing a range of addiction intervention and support services to promote individual, family and community wellness, including home-based intervention and case management services for youth and adults as well as telephone help lines for the public to identify available drug addiction, gambling and tobacco services.

Veterans Outreach Services

For the purpose of supporting and strengthening the veteran community by providing outreach programs to veterans at risk, directed at empowerment and reintegration of isolated veterans with family and community and the prevention of homelessness, broken families, and substance abuse.

Food and Nutrition Supports and Services

Programs targeted to offer financial subsidies for food purchases, nutrition education and awareness opportunities, and home delivered and congregate meals to eligible individuals.

Elder Nutritional Services

For the purpose of remediating poor diets, health problems, food insecurity, and loneliness for elders. Nutrition services include nourishing meals, nutrition screening, assessment, education, and counseling to ensure that older people achieve and maintain optimal nutritional status.

Emergency Food Assistance

For the purpose of providing food at no cost to low-income Massachusetts residents in need of short-term hunger relief.

Nutritional Assistance

For the purpose of improving the nutrition and health of targeted populations by providing access to health care, nutrition education, nutritional cash benefits, counseling, and/or nutritious foods.

Nutrition Education

For the purpose of providing nutrition information, programs, and tools that improve the likelihood for low income eligible individuals and families to make informed choices about active lifestyles and sound nutrition within a limited budget by modifying their eating, shopping and food preparation habits thus addressing behaviors to prevent obesity.

Group, Work, or Day Support Programs

Programs targeted to offer center-based services provided in a community setting delivering a variety of day programming, social recreation, rehabilitative, or other non-clinical services.

Group, Work, or Day Programs for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities

For the purpose of center-based, group, day, work and transportation services that lead to the acquisition, improvement, and/or retention of skills and abilities to prepare an individual for work and community participation including supported employment services.

Mental Health Day/Evening Support Programs

For the purpose of assisting eligible individuals in becoming fully integrated into the community by facilitating employment, education and training, social skills development, positive family relationships, and engagement with community activities and supports.

Work Programs for Persons with Disabilities

For the purpose of assisting individuals with disabilities who need ongoing supports in an integrated work setting including developing a transition plan as well as providing a job coach, supportive housing environment, and/or adaptive equipment.

Long Term Group Care

Programs targeted to provide long term or permanent living arrangements such as group homes, congregate housing and supported housing in which daily living, physical, social, and or clinical medical support may be provided.

Child to Adult Transition Services

For the purpose of providing first year supports and services to eligible disabled individuals who turn 22 during the current fiscal year and are transitioning from child services to adult services.

Community Based Services for Individuals with Brain Injury

For the purpose of providing 24/7 services for individuals with brain injury to prevent institutionalization and to support their integration into a community setting.

Community Residential Services for the Blind

For the purpose of providing services to legally blind individuals with multiple disabilities who need residential or day placement services such as training and socialization and to provide the opportunity to live in a community setting.

Elder Congregate Housing

For the purpose of promoting self-sufficiency for elders and younger disabled individuals in a shared living environment. Services are available to assist residents in managing activities of daily living in a supportive, non-custodial environment.

Long Term Care Services for Veterans

For the purpose of providing quality 24-hour care to veterans who can no longer live in a community setting, including secure care centers, nursing home care centers, and comfort care center for veterans who require hospice services.

State Operated Long Term Residential Programs

For the purpose of providing 24-hour ongoing services and supports by state staff in a certified or licensed home to individuals needing supervision, skills training for daily living, home management, and services to promote community integration.

Vendor Operated Long Term Residential Programs with <24 Hour Supports

For the purpose of providing less than 24-hour ongoing services and supports by vendor staff in a certified or licensed home to individuals who need staff and supervision, including skills training for daily living, home management, and community integration services.

Vendor Operated Long Term Residential Programs with 24 Hour Supports

For the purpose of providing 24-hour ongoing services and supports by vendor staff in a certified or licensed home to individuals who need staff and supervision, including skills training for daily living, home management, and community integration services.

State Operated Hospitals & Institutions

Programs targeted to offer both acute and longer term care delivered in facilities that are owned and operated by the Commonwealth.

Other State Facilities

Need program description.

State Contracted In-Patient Services

For the purpose of serving eligible individuals whose mental status, behavior and/or level of functioning preclude treatment and stabilization in the community including secure hospital-based care, treatment to stabilize the person's psychiatric status, and improve functioning so that transition to community-based systems of care is possible.

State Hospitals

For the purpose of providing acute and chronic medical and mental health services to the Commonwealth's most vulnerable citizens in state operated hospitals, including individuals in state care/custody.

State Institutions

For the purpose of providing 24-hour residential services and supports by state staff to individuals residing at a state facility or developmental center.

Transitional or Intermediate Care

Programs targeted to provide individuals a place of overnight housing in a specialized residential facility or hospital setting for a limited period of time in order to enable and empower the individual to transition to a less restrictive community-based residential, own-home setting, or to a permanent family home.

Guardianship, Foster Care, Adoption, and Family Preservation

For the purpose of providing services for children who have been abused or neglected, including support services to families, providing a safe placement with kin or a foster family to children who have been removed from their homes, and subsidies to parents or guardians of children who have achieved permanency through adoption or guardianship.

Intermediate Term Residential Services

For the purpose of providing intermediate term residential services to facilitate the safe and timely transition of residents back into the community.

Health and Social Services General Operations

Programs targeted to support statewide health and social service operations which are shared across multiple programs or agencies and cannot be allocated to specific programmatic areas.

Health and Social Services Central Administration

For the purpose of providing health and social service business operations that support multiple programs and cannot be allocated to specific programmatic areas. Activities may include executive oversight, developing strategic plans, giving policy guidance, and other miscellaneous support functions.

Health and Social Services Contracts and Legal Services

For the purpose of providing health and social services contract and legal services that support multiple programs and cannot be allocated to specific programmatic areas. Activities may include general counsel, contract development, document review, claims defense and prosecution, and negotiation and mediation.

Health and Social Services Facilities

For the purpose of managing and maintaining health and social services facilities, including leased space, that support multiple programs and cannot be allocated to specific programmatic areas. Activities may include property construction, improvements, and maintenance in addition to plant operations and utility costs.

Health and Social Services Human Resources

For the purpose of providing human resource management for health and social services that supports multiple programs and cannot be allocated to specific programmatic areas. Activities may include hiring, recruiting, training, collective bargaining, employee evaluations, and professional development.

Health and Social Services IT

For the purpose of managing and supporting the health and social services technology infrastructure including technical support for multiple programs that cannot be allocated to specific programmatic areas. Activities may include software development, application hosting, communication systems, data processing, and security services.

Health and Social Services Planning, Accounting, and Finance

For the purpose of providing health and social services financial management, processing, and tracking that support multiple programs and cannot be allocated to specific programmatic areas. Activities may include budget development, grants management, transaction processing, financial reporting, and long range planning.

Health and Social Services Procurement

For the purpose of acquiring goods and services for health and social services that support multiple programs and cannot be allocated to specific programmatic areas. Activities may include proposal development, vendor selection, distribution of goods, and purchase negotiations.

Judicial and Legal Services

Programs targeted to administer and execute state and federal laws through courts of law, public legal services, and administrative law.

Administrative Law

Programs targeted to enforce the rulemaking, adjudication, and enforcement of administrative agencies of the Commonwealth.

Administrative Appeals

For the purpose of ensuring that administrative agencies meet requirements of due process before final agency action is taken, including adjudicatory hearings and preparation of the factual record necessary for judicial review.

Civil Service Appeals

For the purpose of hearing and deciding appeals filed by public employees who are disciplined, laid off or not selected for promotion as well as job applicants who are not selected for appointment in order to ensure that employment decisions are made in a fair and impartial manner.

Tax Appeals

For the purpose of providing hearings and deciding cases on appeal from any taxing authority in order to provide taxpayers with an expedient means of appeal, including handling appeals related to state and property taxes.

Appellate Courts

Programs targeted to operate the appellate courts of the Commonwealth.

Appeals Court

For the purpose of delivering judicial decisions to citizens of the Commonwealth in matters concerning the appeal of lower court and administrative board decisions

Supreme Judicial Court

For the purpose of delivering judicial decisions to citizens of the Commonwealth in matters related to appeal, bail reviews, bar disciplinary proceedings, petitions for admission to the bar, and a variety of other statutory proceedings in addition to oversight responsibility of several affiliated agencies of the Judicial branch.

Judicial and Attorney Oversight

Programs targeted to license and regulate attorneys in the Commonwealth and act as a monitor of the judicial system.

Bar Examination and Compliance

For the purpose of evaluating candidates for admission to the Massachusetts bar and ensuring that all law practitioners in Massachusetts adhere to strict rules and standards; activities include development and administration of the bar exam, review of the results, and evaluation of candidates for admission to the bar.

Judicial Conduct

For the purpose of ensuring responsible and ethical delivery of judicial services by preserving both judicial independence and public accountability; activities include investigation of complaints of judicial misconduct and disability that prevent judges from properly performing their judicial duties.

Prosecution and Defense Services

Programs targeted to represent the Commonwealth in criminal and civil suits and provide defense services to the general public.

District Attorney Offices

For the purpose of representing the Commonwealth in criminal prosecutions that arise within each respective district in addition to providing victim and witness services, promoting public safety, and increasing public trust in the criminal justice system.

Forensic Services

For the purpose of consultation, referral, and tracking services for individuals appearing before the juvenile, district, and superior courts including mental health evaluations.

Indigent Legal Services

For the purpose of providing legal services to defendants in criminal and civil proceedings who have a right to counsel but cannot afford or decline to hire an attorney; activities include training, certification, and oversight of public defenders in addition to payments for client representation.

Specialized Public Legal Services

For the purpose of providing legal services to defendants of criminal and civil proceedings in special circumstances such as those related to individuals with mental health or intellectual disabilities; activities include training, certification, and oversight of specialized public defenders in addition to payments for client representation.

Witness Protection Services

For the purpose of protecting individuals essential to the investigation or prosecution of a criminal matter and whose participation places them in danger, as well as protecting those individuals who are placed in danger due to an association with the critical witness.

Trial Courts

Programs targeted to operate the trial courts of the Commonwealth.

Boston Municipal Court

For the purpose of delivering judicial decisions to all citizens of the Commonwealth in matters concerning criminal offenses which do not require the imposition of a state prison sentence, civil contract, and tort actions.

Trial Court Administration

For the purpose of delivering the services of the trial courts of the Commonwealth in a safe and effective manner; services include jury and witness expenses, court security, facility operations and maintenance, technology services, and other services used by the trial courts and their employees.

District Court

For the purpose of delivering judicial decisions to citizens of the Commonwealth concerning a wide range of matters including criminal, civil, housing, juvenile, and mental health proceedings in their respective judicial districts.

Housing Court

For the purpose of delivering judicial decisions to citizens of the Commonwealth in matters concerning the use of any real estate property, including activities conducted on that property that may impact the health, welfare, and safety of any resident, occupant, user or member of the general public and which are subject to regulation by local cities and towns under the state building code, state specialized codes, state sanitary code, and other applicable statutes and ordinances.

Juvenile Court

For the purpose of delivering judicial decisions to citizens of the Commonwealth in matters related to delinquency, children in need of services, care and protection petitions, adult contributing to a delinquency of a minor, adoption, guardianship, termination of parental rights proceedings, and youthful offender cases.

Land Court

For the purpose of delivering judicial decisions to citizens of the Commonwealth in matters related to registration of title to real estate property, all matters and disputes concerning such title after registration, foreclosures and redemption of real estate tax liens, and other real property matters.

Probate and Family Court

For the purpose of delivering judicial decisions to citizens of the Commonwealth in matters related to divorce, paternity, child support, custody, visitation, adoption, termination of parental rights, abuse prevention, and probate matters involving jurisdiction over wills, administrations, guardianships, conservatorships and change of name.

Probation Commission Services

For the purpose of ensuring the delivery of justice through investigations, community supervision of offenders/litigants, diversion of appropriate offenders from institutional sentences, mediations, service to victims, and the performance of other related community service functions.

Superior Court

For the purpose of delivering judicial decisions to citizens of the Commonwealth in matters involving civil actions where equitable relief is sought and labor disputes where injunctive relief is sought.

Judicial and Legal Services General Operations

Programs targeted to support statewide judicial and legal service operations which are shared across multiple programs or agencies and cannot be allocated to specific programmatic areas.

Judicial and Legal Services Central Administration

For the purpose of providing judicial and legal services business operations that support multiple programs and cannot be allocated to specific programmatic areas. Activities may include executive oversight, developing strategic plans, giving policy guidance, and other miscellaneous support functions.

Judicial and Legal Services Facilities

For the purpose of managing and maintaining judicial and legal services facilities, including leased space, that support multiple programs and cannot be allocated to specific programmatic areas. Activities may include property construction, improvements, and maintenance in addition to plant operations and utility costs.

Labor and Workforce Development

Programs targeted to increase the quality and availability of workers, ensure safe working conditions, match qualified workers with positions, and maintain labor relations in the Commonwealth including transitional assistance for unemployed and injured workers.

Income Insurance

Programs targeted to provide transitional assistance to unemployed and injured workers and their families.

Unemployment Insurance

For the purpose of providing economic stability through a weekly benefit payment to workers who are unemployed through no fault of their own and are actively seeking work.

Workers Compensation

For the purpose of administering the workers' compensation system to provide prompt and fair compensation to workers who are injured or become sick on the job including taking action against employers that are in violation of the law. Activities include payment and adjustment of claims, utilization review, rehabilitation, investigations, and medical claims processing.

Job Search and Placement

Programs targeted to assist workers and businesses in filling available positions including wage subsidies for qualified employees.

General Job Search and Placement

For the purpose of providing job matching services and job search support to all job seekers, including health care workers.

Recruiting and Hiring

For the purpose of helping jobless workers, including health care workers, find employment as quickly as possible by ensuring that they have skills that are in demand by employers and connecting them with appropriate job openings.

Veterans Employment Support

For the purpose of helping veterans transition to civilian work by developing a comprehensive job and training plan.

Youth Employment Support

For the purpose of providing employment, educational and work readiness services to young people including tutoring and dropout prevention, English as a second language courses, leadership development, mentoring, and guidance counseling.

Refugee and Immigrant Employment Support

For the purpose of assisting refugees and immigrants who face a wide range of cultural and linguistic barriers to employment and who are also receiving state benefits to achieve economic self-sufficiency.

Labor Relations

Programs targeted to investigate and adjudicate unfair labor practices and mediate between employers and unions in resolution of labor disputes.

Mediation and Adjudication of Labor Disputes

For the purpose of assisting with the prevention of or prompt settlement of labor disputes.

Wage Enforcement

For the purpose of enforcing compliance with state and Federal wage and related labor laws through prosecution of offenders, education of employers and employees about prevailing wage, minimum wage, payment of wages, overtime, tip pooling, and child labor laws.

Training

Programs targeted to provide training and career development opportunities to individuals in the Commonwealth.

Apprenticeships

For the purpose of promoting and coordinating apprenticeships in the Commonwealth and developing new programs both in the traditional building trades as well as non-building trade areas.

General Training

For the purpose of helping job seekers clients, including health care workers, gain employment experience and become job ready so that they can achieve economic self-sufficiency.

On the Job Training

For the purpose of ensuring that employees or staff are fully knowledgeable and/or updated in all aspects of their work to efficiently complete their job functions through education and skill training.

Vocational Rehabilitation

For the purpose of helping individuals with disabilities to obtain, maintain, or regain employment through training, career matching, and employer awareness.

SNAP Employment and Training

For the purpose of providing Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) participants with opportunities to gain skills, training, or work experience that will improve their employment prospects and reduce their reliance on SNAP benefits, thereby increasing the likelihood of gaining self-sufficiency. It also offers a path to allow SNAP clients to meet work requirements as required by the Food Stamp Act.

Workplace Safety

Programs targeted to ensure safe workplace conditions and specialized workplace regulation.

Asbestos and Lead Licensing and Regulation

For the purpose of reducing the incidence and severity of exposure to lead and asbestos for the Commonwealth's workers and other members of the general public by administering and enforcing de-leading regulations, licensure, notification, and safe work practice; and collaborating with community partners in public health, housing, and the building trades through

licensure, prescribing safe work practices, site visits and analytical services related to asbestos exposure.

General Workplace Safety

For the purpose of providing analytical and technical support to engineers and inspectors as well as to unions, local boards of health, and state agencies by visiting workplaces throughout the Commonwealth and evaluating them to identify and subsequently control and eliminate hazards in the workplace.

Labor and Workforce Development General Operations

Programs targeted to support statewide workplace development and labor protection operations which are shared across multiple programs or agencies and cannot be allocated to specific programmatic areas.

Labor and Workforce Development Central Administration

For the purpose of providing labor and workforce development business operations that support multiple programs and cannot be allocated to specific programmatic areas. Activities may include executive oversight, developing strategic plans, giving policy guidance, and other miscellaneous support functions.

Labor and Workforce Development Contracts and Legal Services

For the purpose of providing labor and workforce development contract and legal services that support multiple programs and cannot be allocated to specific programmatic areas. Activities may include general counsel, contract development, document review, claims defense and prosecution, and negotiation and mediation.

Labor and Workforce Development Human Resources

For the purpose of providing human resource management for labor and workforce development that support multiple programs and cannot be allocated to specific programmatic areas. Activities may include hiring, recruiting, training, collective bargaining, employee evaluations, and professional development.

Labor and Workforce Development IT

For the purpose of managing and supporting the labor and workforce development technology infrastructure including technical support for multiple programs that cannot be allocated to specific programmatic areas. Activities may include software development, application hosting, communication systems, data processing, and security services.

Labor and Workforce Development Planning, Accounting, and Finance

For the purpose of providing labor and workforce development financial management, processing, and tracking that support multiple programs and cannot be allocated to specific programmatic areas. Activities may include budget development, grants management, transaction processing, financial reporting, and long range planning.

Public Safety

Programs targeted to protect and defend the public safety of individuals and property through community education, confinement and correction of offenders, enforcement of laws and safety codes, and emergency planning and response.

Correctional Care, Custody, and Supervision

Programs targeted to confine and rehabilitate criminal offenders to eliminate violence and victimization, and reduce recidivism.

Correctional Facility Operations

For the purpose of providing care and custody for offenders within state correctional facilities, including administration, security, staffing, offender related costs, operations and maintenance.

Jails and Houses of Corrections Operations

For the purpose of protecting society from criminal offenders with short sentences and detained persons awaiting trial by housing inmates in the least restrictive security level that is practical while providing offenders with opportunity for treatment to promote successful re-integration into the community.

Offender Education/Vocation

For the purpose of providing comprehensive academic and vocational training programs and services for offenders including educational counseling services, and administering the Adult Basic Education and General Education Development Diploma tests.

Offender Healthcare (Medical, Dental and Mental Health)

For the purpose of providing medical, dental, and mental health services to offenders consistent with nationally recognized correctional and community standards of care.

Offender Re-entry Programs

For the purpose of providing evidenced based programming that targets major risk factors associated with criminality in order to support offender re-entry into the community, including volunteer and correctional industries as well as counseling and guidance.

Parole Services

For the purpose of promoting public safety through the responsible reintegration of offenders into the community through supervised conditional release while acknowledging the impact on victims and their families.

Crime Prevention

Programs targeted to protect communities and individuals through community outreach programs, criminal information sharing systems, and preventative investigation services.

Criminal Justice Information Services

For the purpose of providing law enforcement and criminal justice agencies within the state and across the nation secure access to state and interstate criminal history record information, protective orders, missing and wanted person files, drivers' license and motor vehicle information, firearms licensing and gun sales transactions, and other critical criminal justice information.

Fusion Center Investigations

For the purpose of collecting and gathering threat related information concerning suspicious incidents that appear isolated but are actually part of a larger criminal enterprise, including investigating the cause and manner of death in violent or unexplained situations.

Sex Offender Registry Services

For the purpose of promoting public safety and preventing further victimization through registration and classification of convicted sex offenders by risk of re-offense and degree of danger; dissemination of information on offenders who live, work and/or attend institutions of higher learning; and support for victims.

Youth Crime and Youth Violence Prevention

For the purpose of providing multi-disciplinary approaches to reduce youth crime and promote violence prevention, including outreach and engagement activities, provision of opportunities, and community mobilization.

Homeland Security

Programs targeted to promote security through emergency and crisis prevention, management, and resource distribution stemming from both man-made and natural disasters.

Air National Guard

For the purpose of funding the state portion of the joint federal/state maintenance of air wings and base facilities in support of air sovereignty, intelligence operations and training of Air Guard personnel.

Army National Guard

For the purpose of maintaining armories and guard facilities, training and equipping personnel, and providing the state share of federal funding for Army National Guard Cooperative Agreement grants.

Emergency Management and Operations

For the purpose of enhancing the Commonwealth's capacity to deal with hazardous and emergency situations, including natural disasters and technological and man-made hazards through planning and preparedness, hazard mitigation, 24/7 response and recovery capabilities, and mock disaster preparedness drills.

Fire Training, Prevention, and Safety Services

For the purpose of promoting and enhancing public and firefighter safety through firefighter training, public education, policy development, code enforcement, fire investigation, and emergency response, including protecting the property within the Massachusetts Military Reservation, Otis Air National Guard Base and Coast Guard Air Station Cape Cod, and providing mutual aid to localities in the Commonwealth.

Policing and Law Enforcement

Programs targeted to enforce state and national laws through use of police and investigative resources.

Forensic Science Group / Crime Lab

For the purpose of providing modern forensic services such as DNA analysis, fingerprint identification, and chemical analysis.

Highway Patrol and Traffic Field Services

For the purpose of reducing motor vehicle accidents, ensuring the safe flow of traffic, apprehension and prosecution of criminals and assisting municipal law enforcement agencies to effectively respond to large scale public safety emergencies through the utilization of specialized tactical resources.

Municipal Police Training

For the purpose of setting and enforcing training standards and facilitating the delivery of state-of-the-art training for municipal, University of Massachusetts, and environmental police officers of the Commonwealth.

State Police Communications

For the purpose of providing the Commonwealth's public safety agencies with a communication network that is interoperable and fully compatible with industry standards including call answering services for wireless 911 calls.

State Police Detective Investigations

For the purpose of reducing criminal activity in the Commonwealth in cooperation with local and federal law enforcement agencies by gathering, analyzing and reporting criminal activity within the state, and by investigating crime for the purpose of identifying, apprehending and prosecuting perpetrators.

State Police Recruiting and Training

For the purpose of providing recruit and in-service training to Massachusetts State Police officers and professional development courses to local, state and federal law enforcement.

State Police Specialty Units

For the purpose of providing federal, state and local law enforcement agencies specialty response units including airborne, marine, tactical and K-9 services in a shared service model.

Public Safety Regulations

Programs targeted to promote public safety through regulation and enforcement, including safety inspections, permit, and licensure.

Building Safety Inspections and Code Enforcement

For the purpose of ensuring public safety and compliance with established codes and standards through permitting, inspections, and licensing of professionals and equipment, including buildings and structures, elevators, boilers, pressure vessels, and amusement devices as well as ensuring accessibility to buildings for all individuals.

Building Safety Permits and Licensure

For the purpose of safeguarding the public through proper permitting and ensuring that appropriately licensed personnel perform regulated tasks such as supervising building construction; installing elevators, boilers, and pressure vessels; operating certain types of equipment such as amusement rides or hoisting equipment; as well as ensuring accessibility into and around buildings and structures for individuals with physical limitations.

Fire Arm Licensing and Registration

For the purpose of maintaining a database of firearm licenses, recording firearms sales by gun dealers and private transfers of weapons as well as providing a resource for the public and law enforcement agencies to answer questions regarding the Commonwealth's gun laws.

Public Safety General Operations

Programs targeted to support statewide public safety operations which are shared across multiple programs or agencies and cannot be allocated to specific programmatic areas.

Public Safety Central Administration

For the purpose of providing public safety business operations that support multiple programs and cannot be allocated to specific programmatic areas. Activities may include executive oversight, developing strategic plans, giving policy guidance, and other miscellaneous support functions.

Public Safety Contracts and Legal Services

For the purpose of providing public safety contract and legal services that support multiple programs and cannot be allocated to specific programmatic areas. Activities may include general counsel, contract development, document review, claims defense and prosecution, and negotiation and mediation.

Public Safety Facilities

For the purpose of managing and maintaining public safety facilities, including leased space, that support multiple programs and cannot be allocated to specific programmatic areas. Activities may include property construction, improvements, and maintenance in addition to plant operations and utility costs.

Public Safety Human Resources

For the purpose of providing human resource management for public safety that supports multiple programs and cannot be allocated to specific programmatic areas. Activities may include hiring, recruiting, training, collective bargaining, employee evaluations, and professional development.

Public Safety IT

For the purpose of managing and supporting the public safety technology infrastructure including technical support for multiple programs that cannot be allocated to specific programmatic areas. Activities may include software development, application hosting, communication systems, data processing, and security services.

Public Safety Planning, Accounting, and Finance

For the purpose of providing public safety financial management, processing, and tracking that support multiple programs and cannot be allocated to specific programmatic areas. Activities may include budget development, grants management, transaction processing, financial reporting, and long range planning.

Public Safety Procurement

For the purpose of acquiring goods and services for public safety that support multiple programs and cannot be allocated to specific programmatic areas. Activities may include proposal development, vendor selection, distribution of goods, and purchase negotiations.

Transportation

Programs targeted to design, develop, operate, and maintain road, rail, aeronautic, and marine transportation infrastructures and associated safety and licensing functions.

Aeronautics

Programs targeted to facilitate and regulate safe and efficient commercial and private air transit across the Commonwealth.

Airport Administration

For the purpose of oversight of aviation investments, airport improvements, aviation education outreach, safety and security at the Commonwealth's public use airports.

Airport Improvements

For the purpose of effective management of aviation capital improvement programs at the Commonwealth's public use airports.

Registry of Motor Vehicles

Programs targeted to provide vehicle inspection and driver certification.

Commercial Carrier Oversight

For the purpose of overseeing the rates charged by tow companies and safety practices of common carriers used to transport passengers and property including licensing all intra-state Massachusetts based motor bus companies and licensing school bus drivers.

Accident Records

For the purpose of maintaining motor vehicle crash data and records that can be used to improve roadway safety.

Administrative Sanctions, License and Registration Suspensions

For the purpose of managing resources dedicated to support the Registry of Motor Vehicles statutory and regulatory obligations to impose administrative sanctions, including suspension actions on licensees and vehicle registrations.

Registry Branch Operations

For the purpose of operating and improving customer service functions at Registry of Motor Vehicle branch locations.

Development & Support for Registry Customer Services

For the purpose of managing resources dedicated to providing customers with more efficient ways of conducting registry transactions, including supporting online transaction to reduce the number of customers using physical registry locations.

Driver Fraud Prevention and Detection

For the purpose of detecting and preventing driver fraud to preserve the integrity of the Commonwealth's driver licensing and registration system.

Driver Licensing, Registrations, Titles, and Inspections

For the purpose of managing resources to support driver licensing, vehicle registration and title services; ensuring the integrity of the state's motor vehicle inspection network; and ensuring the safety of the Commonwealth's student transportation fleet by conducting statutorily mandated school bus inspections.

Merit Rating Board Administration

For the purpose of recording motor vehicle citation information for the Safe Driver Insurance Plan (SDIP) for use by the insurance industry and the Registry of Motor Vehicles, including updates to operator driving records, and imposition of administrative sanctions.

Registry Administration

For the purpose of supporting the executive management of the Registry of Motor Vehicles, as well as external customer relations and outreach functions.

Rail and Transit

Programs targeted to facilitate and regulate safe and efficient rail and public transit across the Commonwealth through state operated services and support to localities.

Rail and Transit Administration

For the purpose of administrative oversight of Regional Transit Authorities along with essential functions associated with awarding, distributing, and managing transit grants at the State and Federal level.

Rail and Transit Infrastructure

For the purpose of providing capital assistance to the Commonwealth's Regional Transit Authorities

Regional Transit Service

For the purpose of supporting the operations and maintenance of the Commonwealth Regional Transit Agencies.

Roads, Bridges, and Tunnels

Programs targeted to build and maintain roadways, bridges, and tunnels across the Commonwealth.

Road, Bridge, and Tunnel Construction and Design

For the purpose of implementing smart and innovative construction and design of road, bridge, and tunnel projects across the Commonwealth.

Road, Bridge, and Tunnel Operations and Maintenance

For the purpose of operating and maintaining the Commonwealth's road, bridges, and tunnels to keep drivers safe.

Transportation Safety

For the purpose of ensuring roadway safety through highway patrol and regulation.

Transportation General Operations and Administration

Programs targeted to support statewide transportation operations which are shared across multiple programs or agencies and cannot be allocated to specific programmatic areas.

Transportation Central Administration

For the purpose of providing transportation business operations that support multiple programs and cannot be allocated to specific programmatic areas. Activities may include executive oversight, developing strategic plans, giving policy guidance, and other miscellaneous support functions.

Transportation Contracts and Legal Services

For the purpose of providing transportation contract and legal services that support multiple programs and cannot be allocated to specific programmatic areas. Activities may include general counsel, contract development, document review, claims defense and prosecution, and negotiation and mediation.

Transportation Facilities

For the purpose of managing and maintaining transportation facilities, including leased space, that support multiple programs and cannot be allocated to specific programmatic areas. Activities may include property construction, improvements, and maintenance in addition to plant operations and utility costs.

Transportation Human Resources

For the purpose of providing human resource management for transportation that supports multiple programs and cannot be allocated to specific programmatic areas. Activities may include hiring, recruiting, training, collective bargaining, employee evaluations, and professional development.

Transportation IT

For the purpose of managing and supporting the transportation technology infrastructure including technical support for multiple programs that cannot be allocated to specific programmatic areas. Activities may include software development, application hosting, communication systems, data processing, and security services.

Transportation Planning, Accounting, and Finance

For the purpose of providing transportation financial management, processing, and tracking that support multiple programs and cannot be allocated to specific programmatic areas. Activities may include budget development, grants management, transaction processing, financial reporting, and long range planning.



Demographics and Economic Data

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Account

Account is an entity by which the Massachusetts Management Accounting and Reporting System (MMARS) records the status of expenditure authorizations and revenue estimates. Also known as Line-Item or Appropriation. See "account type" to learn more about the six main account types.

Account type

There are six main account groupings for expenditure accounts, which are designated in "MMARS" by the indicated codes: "direct appropriation" (1CN, 1CS), "retained revenue" (1RN, 1RS), "capital" (2CN), "trust/other" (3TN, 3TX), "federal grant" (4FN), and "intragovernmental service fund" (1IN, 1IS).

Accounts payable

Payments owed for goods or services received before the close of a "fiscal year". Funds should be encumbered by June 30, and paid before August 31, when unspent "encumbrances" lapse. Under certain conditions, Administration and Finance may approve an extension until September 15.

Accrual basis of accounting

Revenues and expenditures are recognized and recorded in the period that they occur, rather than when cash is collected or disbursed. Also see Statutory basis of accounting.

Act

A law passed by the Legislature. The legislative session runs by calendar year and Acts are numbered consecutively in each session. So the first law passed in January is called Chapter 1 of the Acts of 20__; the next law is Chapter 2 of the Acts of 20__, etc. Unless an Act is of limited scope or duration, it is usually written as an amendment to the "General Laws". "Appropriation" acts take effect immediately upon approval by the Governor. All other acts take effect 90 days after the Governor's approval, except for acts which have an "emergency preamble", which take effect immediately.

Administration priorities

Significant areas of public concern upon which the Administration has focused attention and increased funding in order to ensure that meaningful steps are taken to improve the well-being of the Commonwealth and its citizens.

Agency

See Department.

Allotment

The process of making money that has been appropriated by the Legislature available for expenditure. Although obligations can be incurred without money being allotted, money must be allotted before money can be paid out. A fraction of the money in budgetary accounts is automatically allotted periodically: between 1/12 for one month and 1/3 for four months. If an account needs to spend at a greater rate than the periodic allotment, the agency submits an allotment request. Retained revenue receipts, federal grants, and trust funds are automatically fully allotted. "Capital" accounts are administered through a different process.

American reinvestment and recovery act

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, abbreviated ARRA or Federal Stimulus, is an economic stimulus package enacted by Congress in February 2009. The Act includes federal tax cuts, expansion of unemployment benefits and other social welfare provisions, and domestic spending in education, health care, and infrastructure, including the energy sector. The measures are nominally worth \$787 billion.

Amortization

Annual deduction allowed for the gradual exhaustion or obsolescence of intangible assets having a limited useful life which are used in the production of income, such as patents and copyrights; analogous to depreciation of tangible assets.

Annualization

Positive annualization is the additional incremental cost in the next fiscal year of new programs, program expansions, or other efforts which are started sometime during the current fiscal year. Negative annualization is the incremental cost reduction in the next fiscal year resulting from savings efforts and other spending reductions begun sometime during the current fiscal year. Annualization is not the same as "annualized cost/saving".

Annualized cost/saving

The full twelve-month cost or saving of an item. This is not the same as "annualization".

Appropriation

A specified sum of money authorized by the legislature for a specific period of time to which expenditures may be made to accomplish a specific purpose identified in the legislation language authorizing the appropriation. An account number, also called line item, identifies each appropriation. See Line Item.

Appropriations tracking

The process of monitoring a budget bill through the legislative process.

ARRA

See American Reinvestment and Recovery Act

Assessment

A statutorily mandated form of reimbursement or up-front payment for state expenditures. Assessments are often mandated to charge private sector businesses for state services that are of particular benefit to them.

AT

See Appropriations Tracking.

B

Balance

See Balance Sheet, Statutory Balance, Structural Balance.

Balance sheet

A document produced by Administration and Finance, which summarizes revenue and spending by category and fund, and displays the resulting condition. Balance sheets are produced for prior years based on actual receipts and expenditures, and for current and future years based on projections.

Better finance

Part of a two year strategic goal (FY14 to FY15) to focus on three main areas: base funding for programs related to overall performance, investments in long term goals to improve performance and managing long term debt associated with investments.

Better government

Part of a two year strategic goal (FY14 to FY15) to focus on four main areas: promote spending and performance transparency, utilize technology to inform citizens of government reforms and engage

communication with the public, quantify customer experience to drive technological innovation and increase internal controls to prevent and detect fraud.

Better health care

Part of a two year strategic goal (FY14 to FY15) to focus on three main areas: reform delivery and payment systems, actively implement cost containment and increase customer awareness and participation in wellness programs.

Better performance

Part of a two year strategic goal (FY14 to FY15) to focus on four main areas: using data analysis to set goals, implement reforms to generate savings, technological investments to drive service efficiencies and increase diversity and opportunities across state agencies.

Blanket contract

Contract between the state and a vendor, guaranteeing a fixed price for a product. State agencies (and local governments) may buy items under a blanket contract without having to negotiate price.

Block grant

A consolidated grant of federal funds awarded to a state agency that may be used at its discretion for a specific issue.

Bond

A financial instrument that is sold by the government for cash. A bond contains a written promise to pay a specified amount of money on a specified date or dates in the future, together with a periodic interest at a specified rate.

Bond cap

The annual limit on bond-funded spending that will be permitted by the Governor in support of the capital program. The "Bond Cap" is set annually based on the Debt Affordability Policy, and published in the Commonwealth's Five-Year Capital Investment Plan.

Bond fund

A fund of the Commonwealth into which bond proceeds are deposited and from which spending may occur.

Bond revenues

The proceeds of bond issued by the Commonwealth and the interest earned thereon.

Budgetary accounts

Budgetary accounts also called Budgetary Appropriations includes "Direct appropriation" and "retained revenue" accounts.

Budgetary appropriations

Funding for these line items come from the following sources: state tax receipts, revenue generate by fees, federal reimbursements for certain programs. Budgetary Appropriations represent one of the four funding sources. At the Program budget level, appropriations are recommended by the Administration for enactment by the Legislature each fiscal year through the GAA.

Budgetary non-tax revenue

In order to fund its programs and services, the Commonwealth receives revenues from non-tax sources, including the federal government and various fees, fines, court revenues, assessments, reimbursements, interest earnings and transfers from its non-budgeted funds, which are deposited in the General Fund, the Transportation Fund (formerly the Highway Fund) and other operating budgeted funds.

Budgetary recommendation

In the Line Item Budget, the level of expenditure recommended by the Administration for a line item.

Budgeted funds

The funds that contribute to the Commonwealth's statutory balance, currently the General Fund, Commonwealth Transportation Fund, and Massachusetts Tourism Fund. All other funds are considered "non-budgeted funds".

C

Capital account

Entity in "MMARS" which records the status of a spending authorization to be funded from the sale of bonds. Capital authorizations are usually for facility and infrastructure construction and maintenance or large equipment purchases, and are generally authorized for 5 years.

Capital expenditure

An expenditure made in acquiring, adding to or bettering a fixed asset. For accounting purposes, capital expenditures are not charged against current revenue. They are added to capital account or "capitalized" and then may be depreciated, amortized, or recovered when a business is sold. This concept should be distinguished from an expense.

Capital projects funds

Capital project funds are for acquisition, long-term construction and development activities legislatively authorized, but largely funded through bonds and federal receipts.

Capital spending

State spending on assets with a useful life of more than one year, such as roads, bridges, buildings, information technology, and parks. Capital spending is primarily funded through federal funds and bonds issued by the Commonwealth. Repayment of bonds is budgeted as "debt service," and occurs over the course of time with incurred interest on the principal amount

Chapter 29

The "General Laws" chapter that relates to state finance.

Charge back

A cost item for which payment is made by one state agency to another, for example, paying for central computer services. See Intragovernmental Service Fund Account.

Cherry sheet

A list, prepared annually by the Department of Revenue, of certain local aid distributions. It used to be published on cherry-colored paper, hence the name.

Citation

A reference to a specific statute or regulation.

CIW

See Commonwealth Information Warehouse.

Clerks

The Clerks of the House and Senate are the official recorders of all proceedings in the respective chambers. The Clerks publish the journals, calendars, and other documents, and print copies of all bills filed.

Commonwealth Information Warehouse

Commonwealth Information Warehouse brings together enterprise financial (MMARS), budget and payroll (HR/CMS) data that is maintained in separate source applications run by independent agencies.

It is commonly referred to as CIW. CIW provides access to information through a centralized, integrated repository that supports timely, well informed business decisions.

Comptroller

The officer responsible for keeping the state's books and making rules to ensure that all the state's financial transactions are performed according to statute and regulation, and according to "generally accepted accounting principals" (GAAP). The Comptroller manages the state accounting system, which is called "MMARS".

Condition

The result produced on the balance sheet when revenues are compared to spending. A positive condition indicates that revenues exceed spending.

Conference committee

A group consisting of members from the House and members from the Senate, appointed to work out a compromise version of a bill, when the House-passed and Senate-passed versions of the bill differ.

Consolidated net surplus in the budgetary funds

The sum of undesignated balances in the budgetary funds, except funds established by section 2H and section 2I of Chapter 29, by section 2C of chapter 131 and section 35NN of chapter 10.

CPAT

Office of Commonwealth Performance, Accountability and Transparency, created in fiscal year 2013 to align strategic planning initiatives to improve the Commonwealth's ability to budget and manage by results.

Credit

Amount by which a taxpayer is allowed to reduce a tax liability, as computed by applying the tax rates to the tax base, to be distinguished from a deduction from the tax base.

Current services budget

Synonymous with "maintenance budget".

Current year budget

The Current Year Budget represents the General Appropriations Act (GAA) enacted by the Legislature in June for the coming fiscal year, as amended by the Governor's vetoes and any Legislative overrides of these vetoes. This is the approved spending level at the beginning of a fiscal year for each line item account. These amounts are loaded to the Massachusetts Budget Application and the Commonwealth's accounting system, MMARS. Amounts may include Prior Appropriations Continued (PACs) authorized by the Legislature in the GAA which permit departments to use unexpended funds from the prior fiscal year in the current fiscal year. Departments estimate the funding level for each program based on these amounts. Capital plan items are added to the Current Year Budget to provide an "all funds" view of dollars projected to be spent on each program.

Current year program budget dashboard

A web-based, inter-active dashboard published following the enactment of the annual General Appropriations Act (GAA) in June for the fiscal year beginning in July. This program dashboard provides an estimate of funding for each program based on the GAA for the coming fiscal year, the Governor's vetoes of certain spending levels in the GAA and any Legislative overrides of these vetoes enacted at the time of dashboard publication. The Current Year Program Budget compares this amount for each program with the Governor's Recommendation for that fiscal year and the Prior Year Projected Spending level. Funding for each program includes budgetary appropriations, federal grant spending, trust spending and capital spending. It should be noted that throughout the year Legislative overrides can be enacted which due to timing of the publication of the program dashboard may not be included in the dashboard.

D

Debt

The principal borrowed by the Commonwealth, usually to support capital projects, which in assets with a useful life over a number of years.

Deduction

Amount that a taxpayer is allowed to subtract from the gross tax base.

Deficiency

A shortfall in an existing appropriation, or an additional amount needed to accomplish a new or expanded purpose. It used to be that the former was always referred to as a "deficiency" and the latter was always referred to as a "supplemental", but the two terms have come to be used more or less interchangeably.

Department

A department is a legal entity of state government established by the legislature with a specific mission. Departments may report to cabinet-level units of government known as executive offices or secretariats or may be independent divisions or departments.

Department code

Three-letter identification field in "MMARS", unique to each agency.

Depreciation

Annual deduction allowed for the gradual exhaustion or obsolescence of tangible property used in the production of income.

Direct appropriation account

Entity in "MMARS" which records the status of appropriations which are financed by budgeted fund unrestricted revenues.

Direct debt limit

The statutory limit on the total principal amount of all direct debt issued by the Commonwealth for the purposes of financing state capital spending with the exception of debt issued on a short-term basis in anticipation of receipts from taxes and other sources.

E

Earmarking

Language included in a line item which provides that a specific portion of the appropriation be spent for a particular purpose.

Effective date

See Act

Emergency preamble

Language inserted at the beginning of some Acts, which declares that the "Act" is an emergency law. An emergency preamble causes the Act to take effect immediately upon the Governor's approval, rather than after 90 days.

Encumbrance

The setting aside of money in "MMARS" by an agency to meet known obligations. (Payroll is an exception. Even though it is a known obligation, payroll costs are not encumbered, except for "Accounts Payable" obligations at the end of a "fiscal year".)

Estimated receipt amount

The field in "MMARS" that records the amount of money that Administration and Finance believes will become available during the "fiscal year" in "retained revenue", "Intragovernmental Service Fund", and "federal grant" accounts. This amount is used by the "Comptroller" as a limit to obligations.

Exclusion

The legal elimination from the tax base of items recognized as falling within its definition. The federal term for what is sometimes called an exemption for Massachusetts. See exemption.

Exemption

The legal elimination from the tax base of items or transaction recognized as falling within its definition, or of taxable units that would normally be subject to tax.

Expenditure

An expenditure is an outlay in cash for a specific purpose, which includes payroll expenses, payroll related chargebacks; contracts (grants, interdepartmental service agreements, leases; subsidies; administrative, operational, and programmatic expenses; and chargebacks and payments.

Expenditure classification handbook

A manual published by the "Comptroller" which sets forth the official "object class" and "object code"s used for budgeting funds and recording expenses within "account"s, along with definitions.

Expense

A revenue expenditure or cost, which, for accounting purposes, is charged against current revenue. To be distinguished from capital expenditure.

F

Federal financial participation

Reimbursement from the federal government for part of the cost of certain programs, such as Medicaid and TAFDC. Often referred to by the acronym "FFP".

Federal grant

Any financial assistance made available from the United States federal government to a state agency, either directly or through an intermediary, whether a project, formula, or block grant, a subvention, a subsidy, an augmentation, or a state plan. A grant award represents an amount that a recipient can spend within a defined period of time.

Federal grant account

Entity in "MMARS" which records the status of grants authorized by the Legislature to be received from the federal government and subsequently expended.

Federal grant spending

Anticipated spending to support a program from a federal grant funding source. This is a sub-category of federal grant funding provided to agencies.

Federal reimbursements

Financial assistance provided under Titles XVIII or XIX of the Social Security Act or other reimbursements received for state entitlement expenditures and credited to the General Fund, or other Federal financial

assistance from the Federal government for direct payments to individuals, or for other purposes as provided for in chapter 90, chapter 92 and chapter 151A of the Massachusetts General Laws.

Federal stimulus

See American Reinvestment and Recovery Act

FFP

See Federal Financial Participation.

Fiscal year

Period that the Massachusetts budget covers: July 1 through June 30. (The federal fiscal year covers October 1 through September 30.)

Formula grant

Federal funding for which the allocation methodology is strictly determined in federal statute or regulation, and for which a state agency prepares a single application and receives subsequent years' allocation without re-application.

Fringe benefit charges

Costs assessed against federal grants and other non-budgetary accounts to defray the costs of employee benefits which are paid for centrally.

Fringe benefits

Employee-related costs other than salary, e.g., insurance and retirement costs.

FTE

See Full-Time Equivalent.

Full-time equivalent

A measure of workforce personnel, equal to one position working full time. For example, two half-time positions equal one full-time equivalent. Often referred to by the acronym "FTE".

Fund

An accounting entity in MMARS to which all receipts are credited and against which all expenditures and other liabilities are charged. By law, Massachusetts uses a fund accounting system, where all financial activity is recorded by fund. The law specifies which receipts shall be deposited to which funds. Budget acts specify which expenditures shall be charged to which funds. Fund accounting is an overlay on accounting, which is also done by "account", "<"object class">", and "<"object code">".

Fund balance

A cumulative residual total of a fund's financial operations (revenues vs. expenditures), also measured as the difference between the fund's assets and its liabilities.

Funding source

Accounts are classified based on funding type, also referred to as funding source. There are four main funding types: budgetary appropriations, federal grants, capital, and trust accounts.

G

GAA

See General Appropriation Act.

GAAP

See Generally Accepted Accounting Principals.

GASB

See Government Accounting Standards Board.

General appropriation act

The budget for a fiscal year which is passed by the Legislature and signed into law by the Governor to fund activities for the government for a specified budget fiscal year. The Massachusetts General Laws require that annual budgets are in balance.

General court

The Legislature.

General laws

The codified collection of laws passed by the Legislature, organized into Chapters and Sections by subject. Often referred to by one of the following acronyms: "GL", "MGL", "MGLA (annotated)".

Generally accepted accounting principals

A set of accounting rules which are accrual-based and widely accepted and used. Often noted as GAAP. (The statutory accounting that the state primarily uses is largely cash-based.)

Government accounting standards board

The independent organization that establishes and improves standards of accounting and financial reporting for U.S. state and local governments. Often noted as GASB.

Government area

A group encompassing all government entities according to the organizational structure of state government. There are twelve government areas.

Government function

The highest level of reporting under "Program Structure". There are eleven major functions of government services representing the full range of activities provided by Commonwealth agencies. All branches of Massachusetts state government are included in these eleven functional areas including the Executive Branch, Legislature, Judiciary and all Independent and Constitutional Offices.

Governor's council

A body of elected officials which, according to the state constitution, must approve all expenditures except those for debt service and salaries for legislators and the Supreme Court justices. The Governor's Council meets weekly to approve "warrant"s of expenditures.

Governor's message

A letter to the Legislature from the Governor that covers legislation submitted by the Governor.

Governor's Recommendation

Governor's Recommendation represents the Administration's proposed budget for the next fiscal year. This data is published in January as the Governor's Budget Recommendation.

Governor's Recommendation Program Budget Dashboard

A web-based, inter-active dashboard (report) published in late January presenting the Administration's funding recommendations for the next fiscal year beginning in July, compared with the current year projected spending level for each program. Funding for each program includes budgetary appropriations, federal grant spending, trust spending and capital spending.

Grade

See Step Rate

Gross income

The total of all items included in the concept of income that a taxpayer received during the taxable period.

Historical budget levels

A comparison of approved funding levels by the legislature for the previous three fiscal years (general appropriation act) to the governor's recommended budget for the next fiscal year

House 1; House 2

The Governor's budget recommendations for the next "fiscal year". According to the Constitution, it must be filed within 3 weeks of the convening of the Legislature in January. Newly-elected governors must file House 1 within eight weeks. In the second year of a legislative session, the Governor's budget is referred to as House 2.

HR/CMS

Human Resources Compensation Management System, the payroll system through which all non-UMass state employees are paid.

HRMS

The payroll system through which UMass employees are paid.

I

Income Tax

Citizen payments based on annual revenue received from personal work, investment income, rental property, etc. Income taxes are defined by state law and the Department of Revenue.

Incremental budgeting

A budgeting technique where a base budget is established using uniform criteria for all agencies, and additions or deletions are added to or subtracted from that base. See performance-based budgeting, program budgeting, zero-based budgeting.

Indirect cost

Overhead expense, including space rental and other administrative support costs, but not including employee "fringe benefits".

Indirect cost rate

A percentage that the state charges to federal grants for overhead costs which are incurred by the state.

Information warehouse

A sizeable database which contains an extensive and expanding set of financial and payroll data. State agency personnel can extract data to construct analytical and management summary reports and spreadsheets. Also referred to as the Commonwealth Information Warehouse, CIW.

Inter-secretariat budget team

Group of staff from multiple agencies formed to assist the Secretary of Administration and Finance and the Governor to identify and developing reforms proposals for the management of state government and delivery of state services.

Interagency service agreement

A contract between two state agencies where one agency agrees to perform specified services and the other agency agrees to pay for those services. Often referred to as an ISA.

Internal control

Internal control is a process, effected by an entity's board of directors, management and other personnel designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the achievement of the effectiveness and efficiency of operations, reliability of financial reporting and compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

Intragovernmental service fund account

Entity in "MMARS" which records the status of a certain type of "appropriation" where an agency is authorized to make payments for goods, services, and other obligations on behalf of other agencies, and to receive reimbursement from the accounts of those other agencies. These reimbursements are called charge backs. Normally, Intragovernmental Services Fund spending and revenue are not included in statewide totals, since doing so would result in a double count. Also referred to as an ISF account.

ISA

"Interagency Service Agreement". Where an agency is authorized to make payments for goods, services, and other obligations on behalf of other agencies, and to receive reimbursement from the accounts of those other agencies.

ISBT

See Inter-Secretariat Budget Team.

ISF account

See Intragovernmental Service Fund account.

J

Journal

The official record of proceedings in each chamber of the Legislature. The House Journal and Senate Journal are published by the "Clerks" of the respective chambers.

Judicial branch

The Massachusetts Judiciary branch is comprised of the Supreme Judicial Court, the Appeals Court, the Trial Court, and the Committee for Public Counsel Services. The Supreme Judicial Court has original jurisdiction over certain cases and hears appeals from both the Appeals Court, which is an intermediate appellate court, and in some cases, directly from the Trial Court.

L

LCM

Labor Cost Management system, an interface between HR/CMS and MMARS that allows agencies to assign employee payroll expenses among different accounts and programs.

Legislative branch

The Massachusetts Legislature or General Court is a two-house body consisting of 40 senators and 160 representatives. A professional and administrative staff supports legislator, primarily through the committee structure.

Line item

Unit by which the Legislature appropriates money. Line items consist of an "account" number, language that outlines how the money may be spent, the amount, and the "fund" designation. Where no fund designation is given, the "appropriation" is charged to the General Fund.

Line item veto

See Veto

Local aid

Monies appropriated to be distributed to cities and towns. See Cherry Sheet.

M

Maintenance budget

The projected cost in the next fiscal year of maintaining the level of operations that will exist at the end of the current "fiscal year".

Master service agreement

A "blanket contract" which covers services, often referred to as an MSA.

Medicaid

Health coverage authorized in Title XIX of the Social Security Act for individuals and families who meet defined financial eligible criteria.

MMARS

Massachusetts Management Accounting and Reporting System, the official accounting system of the Commonwealth.

Model budget

A preliminary budget estimate developed in-house, by Administration and Finance, prior to the formal budget development process.

MSA

"Master Service Agreement" consists of qualified vendors with approved rates available to meet the needs of the Commonwealth.

N

Net income

Amount remaining after subtracting exempt income and deductions from gross income.

Non-budgetary accounts

Spending accounts other than "direct appropriation" and "retained revenue".

Non-budgeted funds

Financial activities authorized by the legislature but funded through receipts of dedicated revenues (such as assessments, federal grants, fees, fines, investment income) and certain designations of tax revenue. All funds except the General, Highway and Health and Wellness Funds, which are considered "budgeted funds".

Non-budgeted special revenue funds

Specific revenue sources that have been segregated from the budgeted funds to support specific governmental activities, such as federal grants, funds related to the tobacco settlement and operations of the state lottery.

O

Object class

Formerly known as subsidiary, and often interchanged. Sub-unit of an "account", indicated by a two-character code, AA, BB, CC, etc. "Appropriation"s are recorded in "MMARS" by object classes within an account. Object classes specify the purposes for which portions of appropriations are budgeted. For example, money budgeted in the AA can only be spent on salaries; money in KK can only be spent for equipment purchases. Monies in some "budgetary accounts", and in most "non-budgetary accounts",

are not subsidiarized, and expenditures in those accounts are not limited by object class controls. See Expenditure Classification Handbook.

Object code

Three-character identifier used in "MMARS" to classify all expenditures. Object codes describe the types of goods and services procured. The hundreds of object codes can be summed into the 18 object classes, and are described in detail in the "Expenditure Classification Handbook".

Official statement

A legally required disclosure document prepared at the time of bond offerings of the Commonwealth or of entities whose bonds are guaranteed by the Commonwealth, frequently referred to as an "OS".

One-time cost

An expenditure by an agency that would not normally be expected to recur in the next year, e.g., an expenditure for the installation of a computer network.

Operating budget

The Massachusetts constitution requires that the Governor recommend to the Legislature a budget which contains a statement of all proposed expenditures of the Commonwealth for the upcoming fiscal year, including those already authorized by law, and of all taxes, revenues, loans and other means by which such expenditures are to be defrayed.

Operating transfers

Operating transfers for the purposes of this budget document, represent transfers of funds from a budgeted fund to non-budgeted funds. An example of this is the transfer from the General Fund to the Commonwealth Care Trust Fund.

OS

See Official Statement.

Outside sections

Sections in a budget act following section 3, which contain specific provisions of law which govern the particular appropriations contained in the budget, make other special laws that usually apply for only one "fiscal year", and amend the General Laws to implement permanent changes included in the budget.

P

PAC

See Prior Appropriation Continued.

Performance based program budgeting

A budgeting technique that seeks to incorporate performance information into the budget development and the decision-making process. This often occurs by identifying performance outcome measures for accounts or programs being appropriated state funds.

Performance measures

A Performance measure is a quantifiable expression that helps to inform how well a program is achieving its functional purpose. The use of performance measures will improve the Commonwealth's ability to manage and budget for results and will provide the public with more information about what is being achieved with public resources.

Performance-based budgeting

A budgeting technique which defines units of service, calculates a cost-per-unit, and makes recommendations based on the desired level of service. See incremental budgeting, program budgeting, zero-based budgeting.

Personal exemption

A specific amount or percentage of net income on which the tax rate is zero. To be distinguished from an exemption, which applies to a class of income or taxpayers. Sometimes called an "allowance".

Planning grant

A grant limited to supporting initial project development work such as research, consultation with subject matter experts or other planning activities. Planning grant funds usually do not support implementation activities.

Pocket veto

Legislative bills sent to the Governor for signature at the end of a legislative session are considered to be vetoed if he does not sign them within 10 days. This is called a pocket veto. (While the Legislature is still in session, a bill held unsigned by the Governor becomes law after 10 days.)

Prior appropriation continued

In general, the balance of unspent and unobligated "appropriation"s reverts at the end of a "fiscal year". (See Reversion.) Each year, some accounts are specifically exempted from this provision, and are authorized in budget acts to carry a balance into the next fiscal year. Those accounts are called "prior appropriation continued accounts" or "PAC accounts". Sometimes "PAC" is used as a verb, and accounts are said to be "PAC'd". "Capital" accounts, at the end of their normal 5-year life span, may be subject to the same process.

Program

A set of related activities or tasks that work together to achieve a common goal or objective. In the program budget, each program is identified with the agency (department or office) that provides the program and with a specific budgeted amount for that program. Programs are the third level of reporting in the Program Structure. See Program Budgeting.

Program budget

A budget showing state spending in over 380 program areas that describe the service provided by state government for a fiscal year. The program budget groups spending into these areas, regardless of the line item account that is funding the services, providing a transparent and comprehensive view of how much will be spent by each department for a particular service. Funding for each program includes all sources of government funding that may finance the program. The funds may be either appropriated or administered by the Commonwealth and include budgetary appropriations, federal grant spending and trust spending.

Program category

Level two under Program Structure. This level represents groupings of related programs and detailed description of activities included in each of the eleven Government Functional areas. Program Category is level two within the Program Structure hierarchy.

Program keyword

A word search criteria within the program budget that will search for a meaningful term to the user that appears in the name of the Program or in the narrative description of the Program.

Program search

In the Program budget, a web tool that permits users to search the Program budget using a Keyword.

Program structure

The Commonwealth offers over 380 programs provided by state agencies and included within the program budget. We have organized these programs into three tiers: level one is government function, level two is program category and level three is program.

Projected Spending

In the program dashboards, Projected Spending represents the spending level submitted by departments in annual spending plans and approved by ANF based on available funding. Depending on the version of the program budget dashboard being used, Projected Spending may be labeled either Current year or Previous year. Supplemental budgets approved by the Legislature for that fiscal year are included in the Projected Spending.

Proposition 2 1/2

A Massachusetts referendum passed in 1980 that limits the growth of local property tax to an annual increase of 2.5%.

Q

Quasi-public agency

Authorities and quasi-public agencies are state agencies and boards created by statute, that are funded to some extent with state tax dollars, and that are not directly accountable to a single elected official. They tend to be headed by chief executive officers who report to boards of directors who in turn are appointed by multiple elected officials. For example, the State Auditor, Treasurer, and Governor each appoint members to the Board of Directors for the Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement System.

R

Rainy day fund

See "Stabilization Fund".

Receipt ceiling

See Retained Revenue Account

Recommended spending

The level of expenditure recommended by the Administration for a "Program" or "line item". In the Program budget, Recommended Spending includes All Funding Sources. In the line item budget, recommended funding level is called Budgetary Recommendation and is limited to Budgetary Appropriations only.

Reserve

A "line item" which appropriates an amount to be transferred to other line items to fund a particular cost which is not already included in those other line items. Reserves are usually set up to fund new collective bargaining agreements, and other expenses when the distribution of costs across accounts is not known at the time of the "appropriation".

Resolve

A document promulgated by the Legislature, expressing its intent.

Restricted revenue

Receipts which, instead of being deposited to general or "unrestricted revenue", are diverted for a specific purpose, usually for the purposes of "retained revenue account".

Retained revenue account

Entity in "MMARS" which records the status of a certain type of appropriation where an agency is authorized to spend a specific amount of receipts from a particular revenue source for a particular purpose. The amount specified in the "line item" is entered into the "Receipt Ceiling" field in MMARS, and revenues deposited up to that amount may be retained and spent.

Revenue

Funds received by the Commonwealth from a variety of sources including taxes, federal reimbursements, federal grants, lottery revenue, assessments, motor vehicle license fees and registrations, fees and investment earnings.

Revenue retention account

An account which allows a state agency or other public instrumentality to use retained revenue during the fiscal year in which such revenue is received to maintain all or a portion of its operations.

Reversion

Unexpended and unobligated money which returns at the end of a fiscal year to the fund from which it was appropriated. This money is no longer available for agencies to spend.

Revolving account

A revenue retention account in which the retained revenues unspent or unencumbered at the end of a fiscal year are carried over into the next fiscal year for expenditure.

S

Salary chart

See step rate

Secretariat strategic plans

Governor Patrick's Executive Order and Chapter 165 of the Acts of 2012 requires the development of strategic plans for the eight Secretariats of the executive department. Each Secretariat plan covers the two-year period between January 2013 and January 2015. These plans define the mission of the Secretariat and its agencies, identify program goals and determine performance outcome measures.

Source code

A four-digit code used in "MMARS" to designate the specific type of activity from which revenue is generated. The last four digits of a revenue "account" number comprise the source code.

Spending category

This represents the type of spending that will occur, such as personnel, equipment leases, information technology, etc. This indicates the level of detail within a line item or account that shows actual spending as recorded in the Commonwealth's accounting system.

Spending plan

A document, submitted to Administration and Finance by all state agencies, which contains a detailed estimate of projected spending and revenue for the current year. The Spending Plan usually includes a detailed maintenance budget estimate for the following year as well.

Stabilization fund

A "rainy day" fund into which the end-of-year surplus is deposited up until the limit of 15 percent of budgeted revenues is reached. The stabilization fund is a reserve of surplus revenues used for the purposes of covering revenue shortfalls, state or local losses of federal funds or for any event that threatens the health, safety or welfare of the people or fiscal stability of the Commonwealth.

State revenue

All income from state taxes, state agency fees, fines, assessments, charges, and other departmental revenues, retained revenues, federal grants, federal reimbursements, lottery receipts, court judgments and the earnings on such income.

Statutory balance

The amount on the "Balance Sheet" which indicates the condition, if excess revenue carried forward from the previous year is counted. (The laws, or statutes, allow a certain percentage of prior year excess revenue to be counted in the balance.) See Structural Balance.

Statutory basis of accounting

Under the statutory basis of accounting revenues are generally recognized when cash deposits are received by the Treasury and expenditures are generally recorded when cash disbursement occurs.

Statutory debt limit

Enacted in December 1989, Section 60A of Chapter 29 of the General Laws set a fiscal 1991 limit of \$6.8 billion on the amount of outstanding direct debt of the Commonwealth, and provided that the limit for each subsequent fiscal year was to be 105% of the previous fiscal year's limit. Certain bond issues, such as refunded bonds and bonds issued for the MBTA, Central Artery/Tunnel Project, Massachusetts School Building Authority, and bonds issued to finance the Commonwealth's accelerated structurally deficient bridge program, are exempt from the statutory debt limit.

Step rate

Salary rates for unionized state employees are outlined in salary tables which contain grades and steps. Grades are determined by position title, e.g., a clerical position gets paid at a relatively low pay grade compared to a senior management position. Each grade contains several salary rates, increasing in increments from the bottom to the top. These are called step rates. Each year on their anniversary dates, and based on satisfactory performance, employees get a salary increase to the next step rate. When they reach the top step, they can proceed no further within a grade, unless specific collective bargaining agreements provide otherwise.

Structural balance

The amount on the "Balance Sheet" which indicates the condition, if excess revenue carried forward from the previous year is not counted. Also called operating or current account balance. See Statutory Balance.

Sub

Short for "Subsidiary".

Subsidiary

See Object Class

Subsidy

A subsidy is considered any monetary assistance, in either cash or tax reduction, provided by the federal government to support a specific project that has a public purpose. Funds designated by the Legislature to be made either as a direct payment or transfer of a specified amount to a designated recipient entity, or are designated specifically as direct payments through "Subsidies" or a "Subsidy program".

Supp

Short for "Supplemental".

Supplemental

See Deficiency

Tax exempt lease purchase

A program where state agencies may lease-purchase equipment, and which includes tax benefits for the vendor and price breaks for the state. Usually referred to by the acronym "TELP".

Tax expenditure

Provisions in the tax code, such as exclusions, deductions, tax credits and deferrals, which are designed to encourage certain kinds of activities or aid taxpayers in special circumstances.

Tax expenditure budget

Sources of revenue for all state government.

Taxable income

Amount to which the tax rates are applied in computing tax liability, after subtracting personal exemptions from net income.

TELP

See Tax Exempt Lease Purchase.

Terms bill

A legislative bill authorizing terms and conditions of bond sales, which must be filed by the Governor, and passed by the Legislature, before previously authorized capital outlay bonds can be sold, and before bonded expenditures can be made.

Trust fund

A fund into which monies is deposited held by the Commonwealth or states agencies in a trustee capacity and which must be expended in an accordance with the terms of the trust.

Trust spending

This is spending from certain accounts for which the Commonwealth holds a fiduciary role, managing dollars from sources other than direct appropriation by the Legislature, such as, private contributions or revenues placed in trust for spending on designated programs.

Trust/other account

Unit in "MMARS" which records the status of monies authorized to be spent by various statutes, other than "appropriation"s, capital outlay authorizations, and "federal grant"s.

U

Unrestricted revenue

Receipts which are deposited to the commonwealth's general revenues, as opposed to "restricted revenue".

V

Veto

Action taken by the Governor, authorized by the Constitution, to disapprove a legislative bill. For "appropriation" bills, the Governor may disapprove any "line item", or in some instances portions of line items, and "outside sections".

Veto override

Legislative power to nullify a Governor's veto. Requires a two-thirds vote of both the House and Senate.

W

Warehouse

"Commonwealth Information Warehouse" (CIW) brings together enterprise financial, budget, time and labor, human resources, and payroll data that is maintained in separate source applications run by independent agencies. CIW provides access to information through a centralized, integrated repository that supports timely, well informed business decisions.

Warrant

A report produced weekly (and for some items monthly) which lists all payments about to be made, and which must be approved by the "Governor's Council" before the payments are made.

Ways and means committees

Legislative bodies in the House and Senate, which consist of members of the respective branches appointed by the House Speaker and Senate President. These bodies make recommendations to their respective chambers on all funding bills. The House and Senate Committees on Ways and Means employ budget staff, including analysts.

Z

Zero-based budgeting

A budgeting technique that aims to justify all expenditures associated with an account or program and not just additional or current funding levels. In practice, Zero-based Budgeting includes the development of decision packages that provide a range of reduced, maintenance and growth options for the account or program.

